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SANKAREA

UNDYING love

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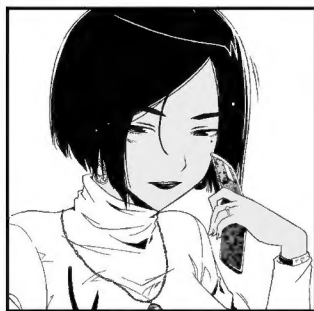
Kurumiya Darin Arciento

An expert in zombie research who came to Japan from the southern islands to visit "Professor Boyle" (Grandpa). She has a strange passion for her research. Despite her looks, she's younger than Rea.



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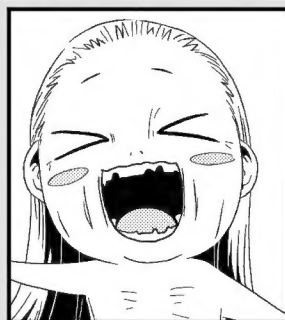
Darin's faithful pet. It's been zombieified.



Sanka Aria

Rea's mother, indifferent to her daughter. She's also the director of the private Sanka Girls' Academy.

THE FURUYA FAMILY



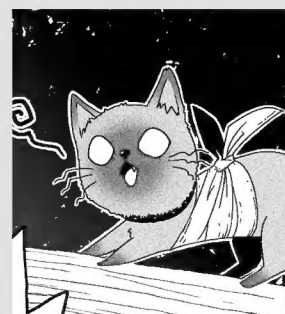
Grandpa

The most mysterious organism (?) of all in "Sankarea." Apparently he has studied zombies at an overseas research facility in the past...



Furuya Mero

A calm and collected first-year middle school student, she presides over the chores in the mostly male Furuya household. A real Japanese-style girl, she reads the Heart Sutra for fun and is able to wear both traditional cook's clothing and the white robes of the dead in a stylish manner.



Bub

He was hit by a car and died, but came back to life thanks to the elixir Chihiro and Rea made.



Furuya Chihiro

A first-year student at Shiyoh Public High School, he's an unusual boy who has loved zombies ever since he was small. He is currently trying all kinds of different things to protect Rea. He once became a half-zombie after Rea bit him.



Saohji Ranko

Chihiro's cousin and childhood friend, she's one year above him in school, and a second-year student at Sanka Girls'. She's a perky, energetic girl who is on the tennis team. Her nickname is "Wanko."

CAST OF CHARACTERS



Sanka Rea

A first-year student at the private Sanka Girls' Academy, she's the daughter of a well-known family, but fell to her death trying to escape her father. Afterwards, she returned to life as a zombie girl! She's currently living with the Furuya family.

STORY

Rea's finally grown used to a life as a "normal girl." With Chihiro and Ranko's relationship bothering her just a little bit, Rea was enjoying her school life until a strange foreign girl named Darin began observing her as a "specimen." Rea grew friendly with Darin, who then told her, "Eventually, when they enter the 'turbid period,' zombies lose their reason and begin to eat what they love."

mitsuru hattori presents



I THINK I... MIGHT WANT TO TRY EATING
SOMETHING OTHER THAN HYDRANGEA SOON.

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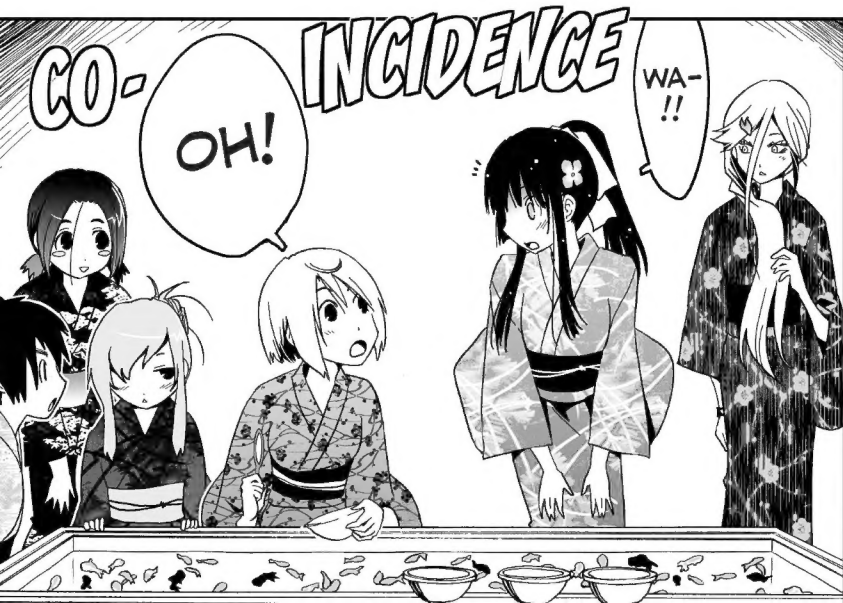
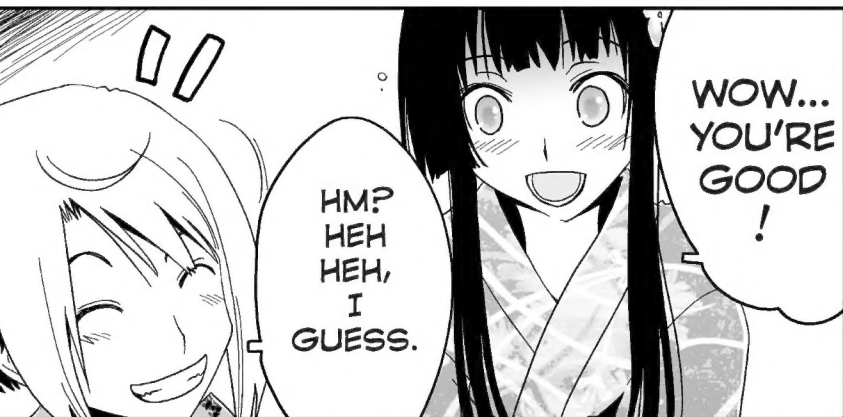
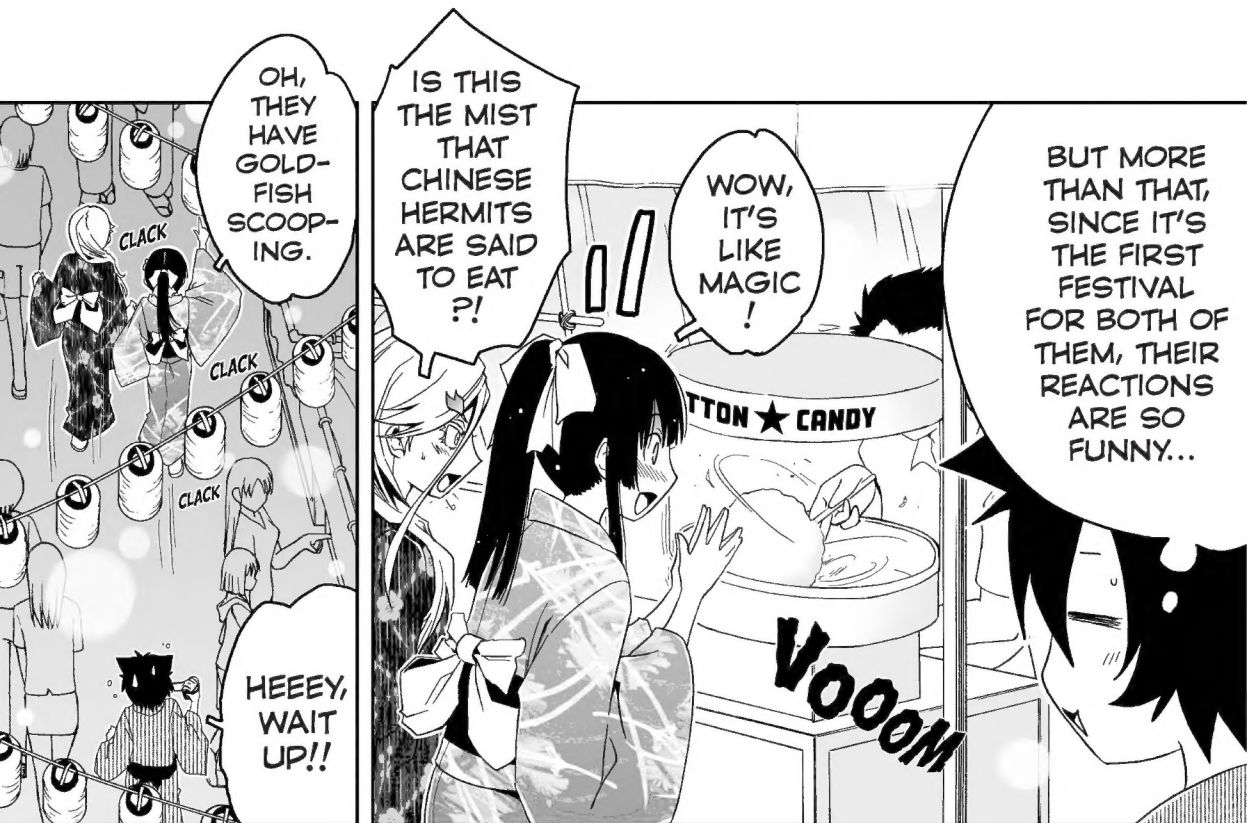


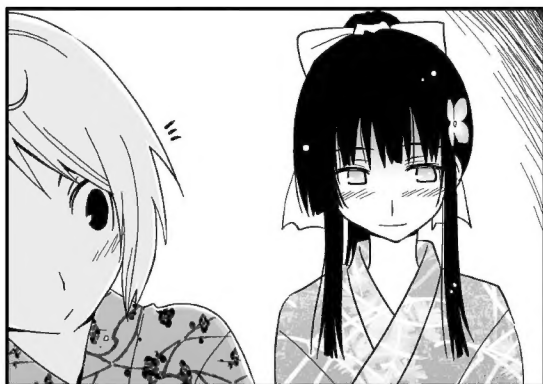
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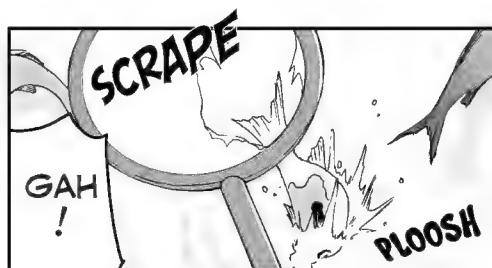
A... SHOWDOWN...

◆◆ ORGY OF THE DEAD ◆◆











...AS FOOD...?

TE HE HE

THE FISH
THINK
OF REA'S
HAND...

So
cute...

nibble nibble nibble

droop

U...
UM,
I'M
SORRY...

...FOR
CATCH-
ING
MORE
OF
THEM...

HUH
?

TCH,
I
LOST
...

PUFF

HM...
WELL,
TRY
NOT TO
OVERDO
IT...

GOLD-
FISH
SCOOP-
ING
IS FUN,
ISN'T
IT?

CLACK

CLACK



OH...

THAT'S
TRUE,
ISN'T
IT...?



DON'T
SAY
THAT
!

grin

THERE ARE
WINNERS
AND
LOSERS
IN ANY
COMPETITION!
NO HARD
FEELINGS!



KIDDING,
KIDDING,
I'LL PAY
FOR YOU
TODAY.

SHE'S THE
KIND OF
STRAIGHT-
FORWARD
PERSON
EVERYONE
LOVES.



HUHHH
?
WHY
?!

THEREFORE,
CHIHIRO,
YOU
SHOULD
TREAT US
ALL TO
DINNER!

WHAT A
WONDERFUL
PERSON
WANKO-SAN
IS...

HE
HE
HE



...TO
FURUYA-
KUN
FOR A
LONG
TIME...

AND
SHE'S
BEEN
CLOSE
...



SOME-
ONE'S
PASSED
OUT.

HEY,
ARE
YOU
OKAY
?



THAT
BLONDE
GIRL
?

HEY,
WHERE'S
DARIN
?

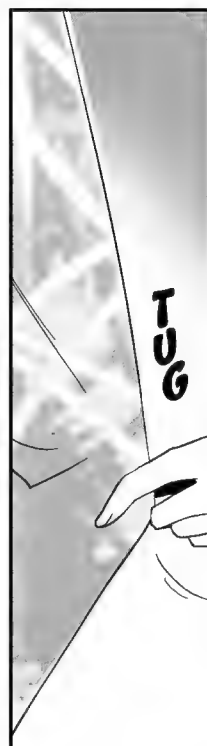
OH,
SHE'S
BEEN
GONE FOR
A LITTLE
WHILE,
HASN'T
SHE?

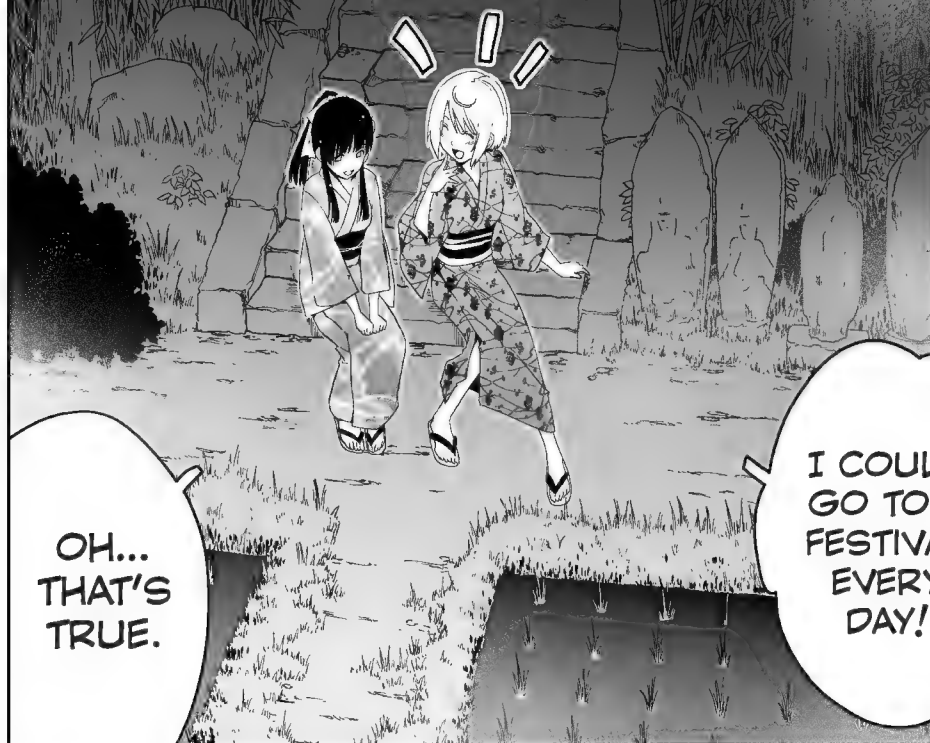


...
HUH
?



o *Literally "sweet sake." With almost no alcohol in it, it's very hard to get drunk on this stuff.





OH...
THAT'S
TRUE.

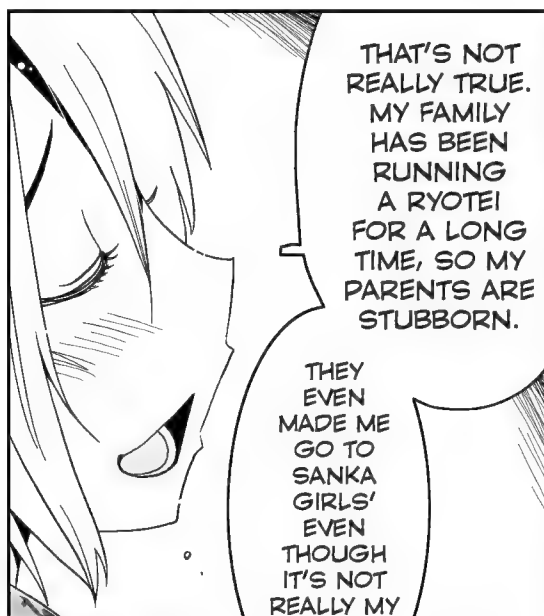
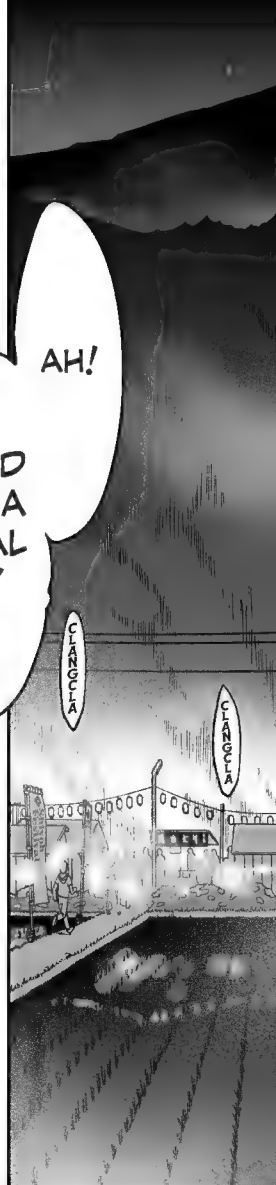
I COULD
GO TO A
FESTIVAL
EVERY
DAY!

AH!



HUH?
REALLY
?!

OF
COURSE,
TODAY IS
THE FIRST
TIME I'VE
EVER GONE
TO A
FESTIVAL.



THAT'S NOT
REALLY TRUE.
MY FAMILY
HAS BEEN
RUNNING
A RYOTEI
FOR A LONG
TIME, SO MY
PARENTS ARE
STUBBORN.

THEY
EVEN
MADE ME
GO TO
SANKA
GIRLS'
EVEN
THOUGH
IT'S NOT
REALLY MY
STYLE.



MY
PARENTS
HAVE
NEVER
LET ME
GO...

BUT
YOUR
FAMILY
SEEMS
SO
FREE,
WANKO...



HUH?
THAT'S
NOT
TRUE
!

IT'D
TAKE MORE
THAN
SENDING ME
TO A
GIRLY GIRLS'
SCHOOL
TO TURN
ME INTO
A PROPER
LADY!



MY
BODY IS
GETTING
MORE
AND
MORE
DAMAGED...



OF
COURSE.

I CAN'T
IMAGINE
THE GIRL
IN FRONT
OF ME
IS A REAL
ZOMBIE
...

ARE
YOU
SURE
YOU
DIED?

I DON'T
HAVE A
PULSE,
AND
I HAVE
A LARGE
WOUND.



I
DON'T
FEEL
UNCOM-
FORTABLE
AT ALL.

HOOT

HUH
?

HOOT

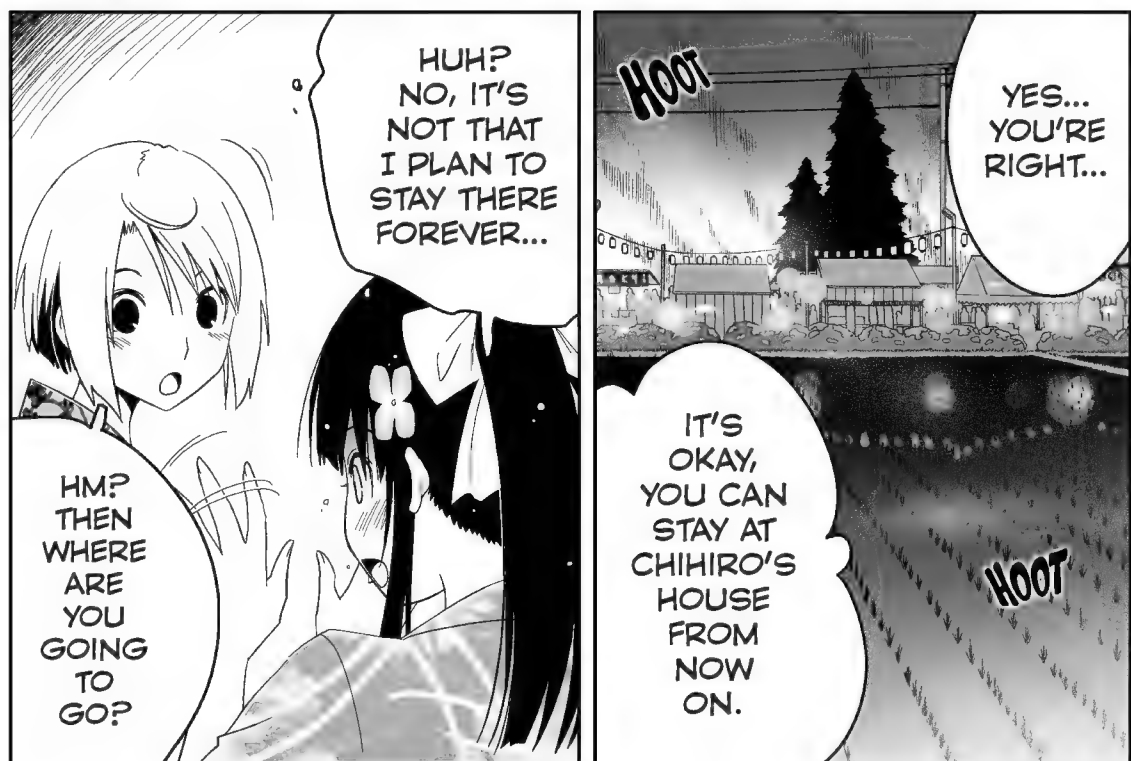
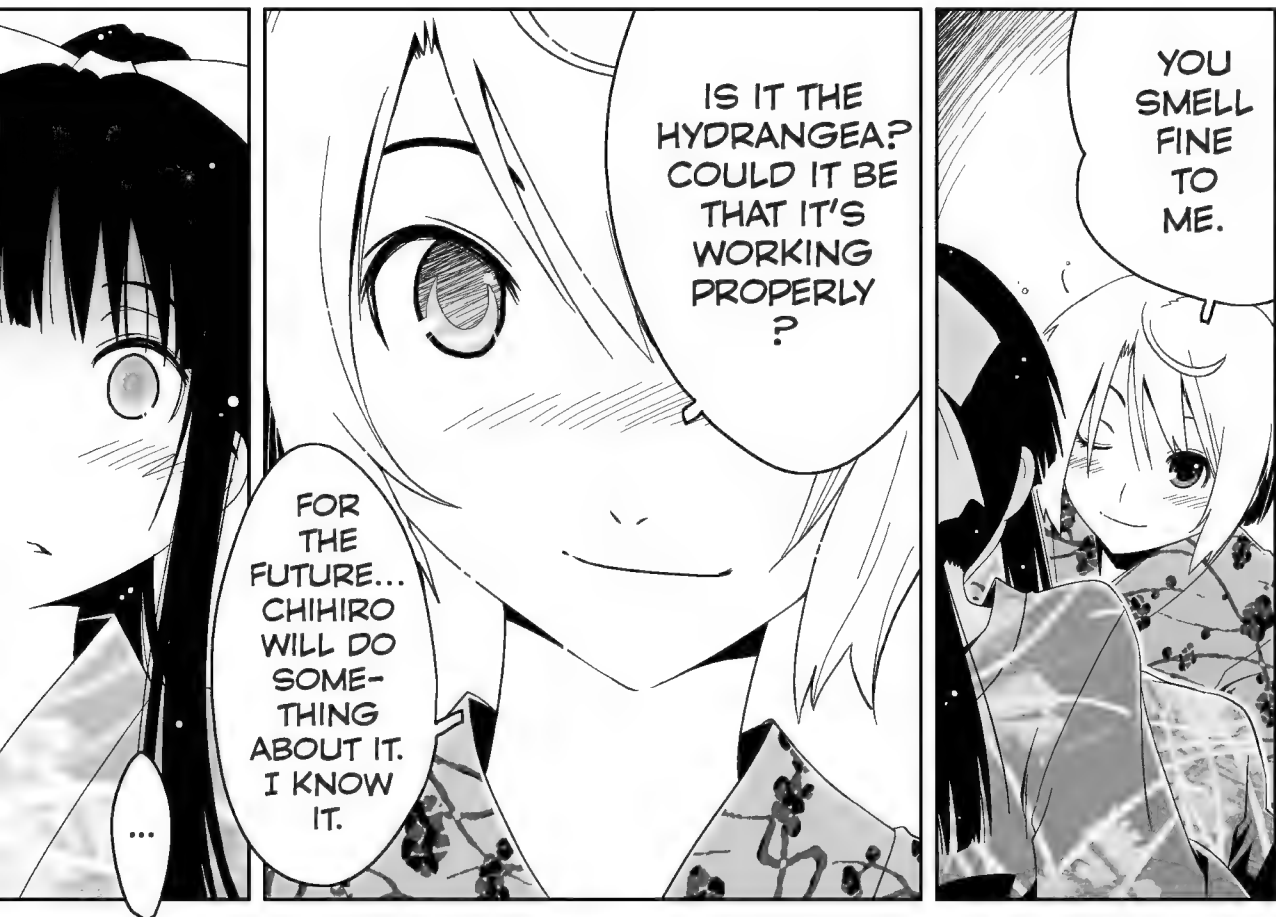
"YOUR TURBID
PERIOD WILL
BEGIN..."

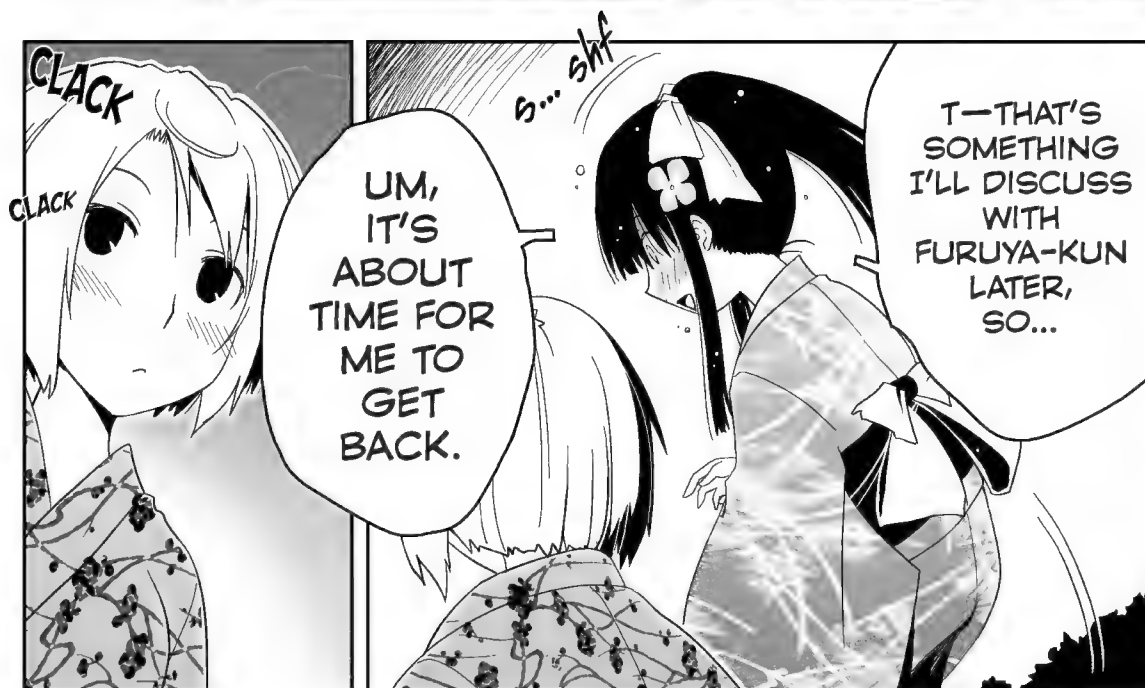
I
KNOW
THAT

...

...NEITHER
MY HEART
NOR BODY
WILL LAST
VERY LONG,
AFTER ALL.





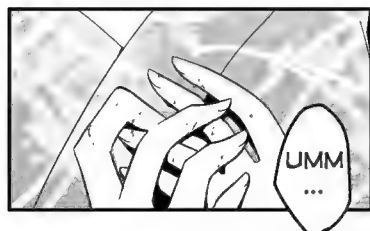






THIS
MEANS THAT
YOU AND I
ARE *RIVALS*,
DOESN'T IT,
REA-CHAN?

!!



UMM
...



OH...



OH,
DEAR.

SO THAT'S
HOW SHE'S
BEEN
THINK-
ING
ABOUT
IT?

...SO,
THINKING
ABOUT IT
THAT WAY,
YOU'RE
MUCH
MORE...

F...
FURUYA-
KUN ONLY
LIKES ME
BECAUSE
I'M A
ZOMBIE
...



WHISH!

NO, BUT,
I'M NOT AS
CLOSE TO
FURUYA-KUN
AS YOU ARE,
WANKO-
SAN...







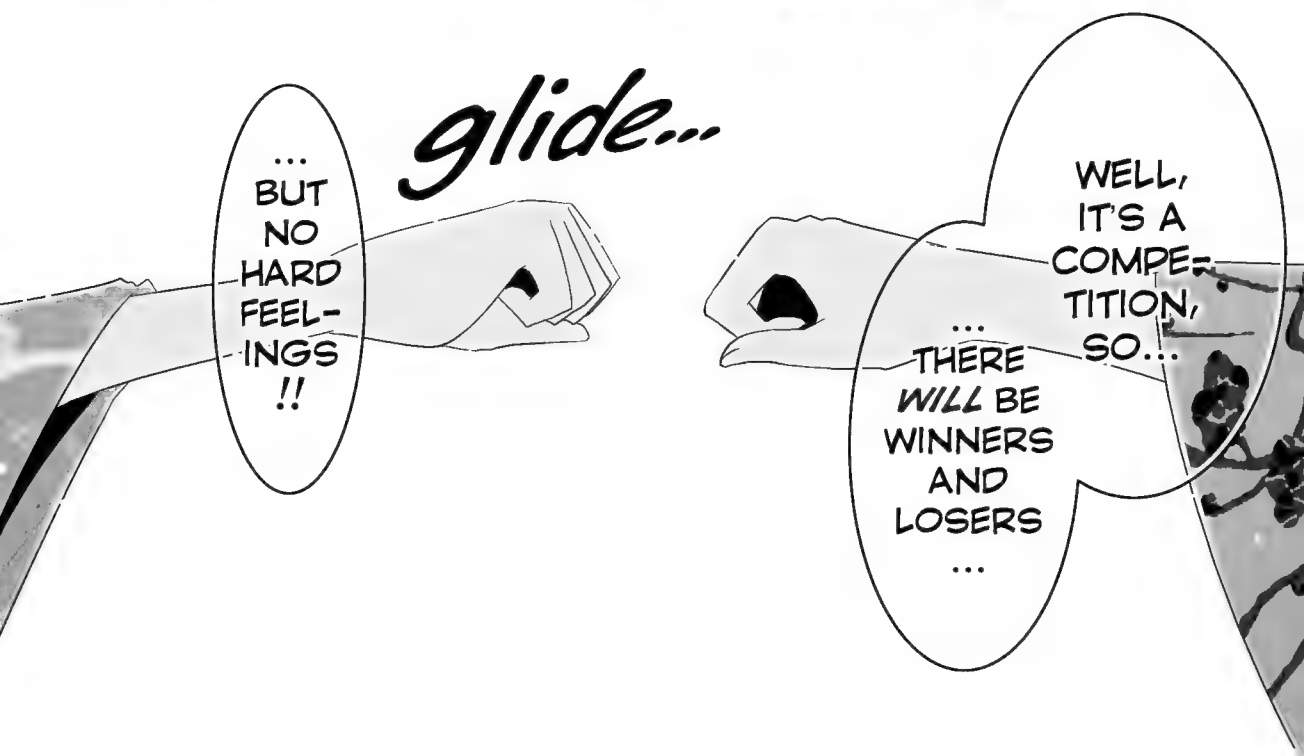
IF
YOU
ARE
A
GIRL
!!

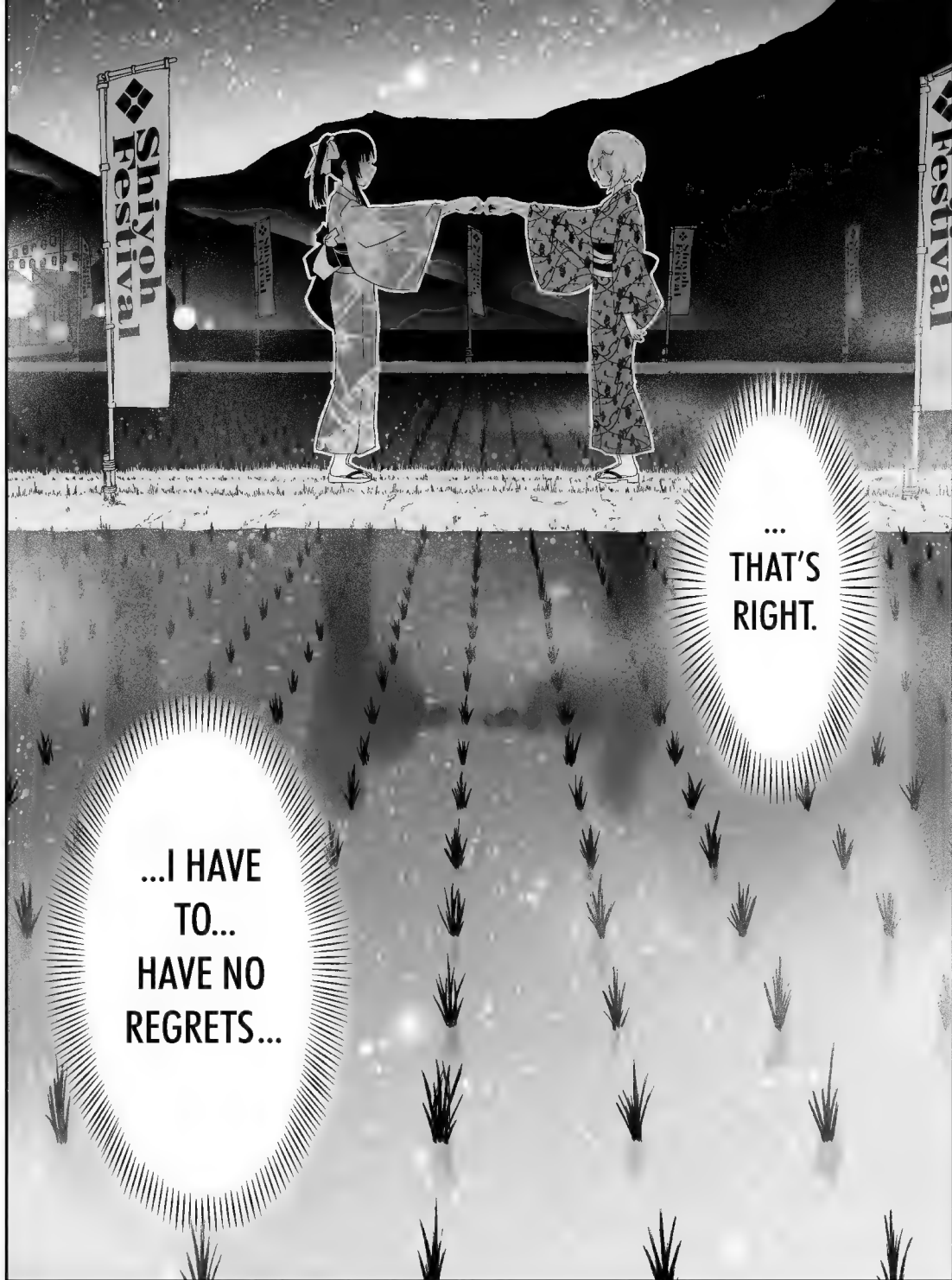
WANKO...
SAN...



IF
YOU
FEEL
LIKE
YOU
HAVE
NO
TIME
LEFT...

...THEN
YOU HAVE
TO WORK
EVEN
HARDER
TO LIVE
WITHOUT
REGRETS
!!









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AH...

✦ THE RETURN OF THE LIVING DEAD ✦



IF YOU
FEEL LIKE
YOU HAVE
NO TIME
LEFT...



...THEN
YOU HAVE
TO WORK
EVEN
HARDER
TO LIVE
WITHOUT
REGRETS
!!

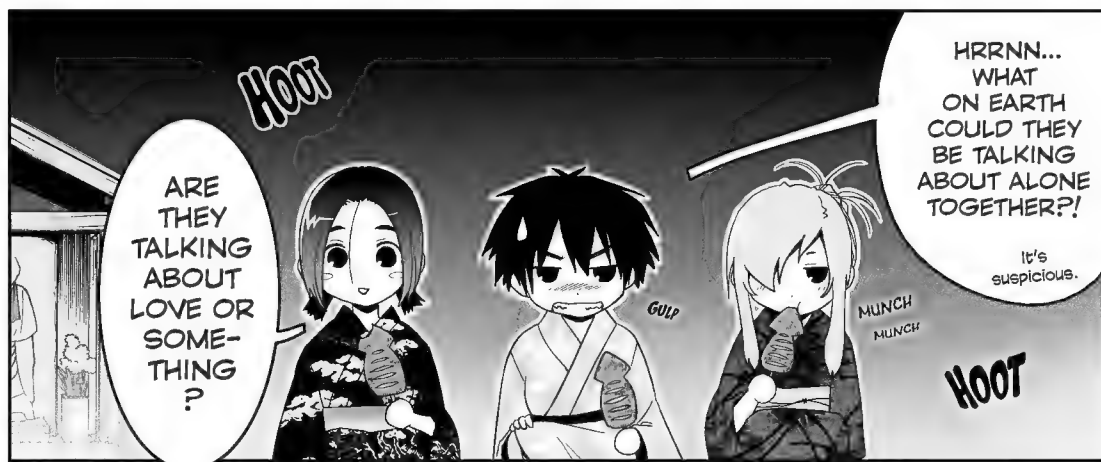
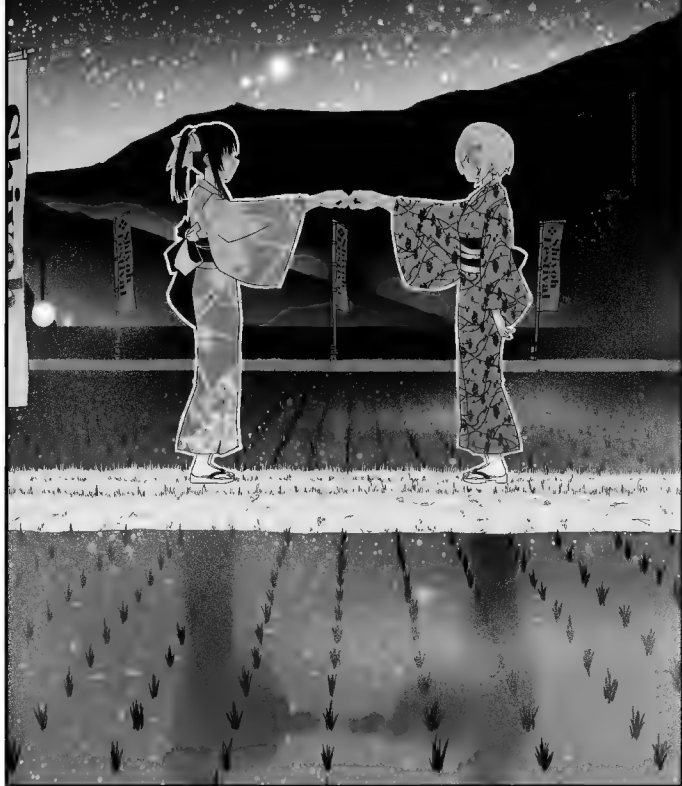
...!!

TAP

...WITHOUT
ANY REGRETS...

...
RIGHT
...

THAT'S
...













WHAT'LL
HAPPEN
TO REA
NEXT?



HEY,
DON'T
CHANGE
THE
SUB-
JECT.

WHAT
DO YOU
CALL
THIS
SEASON?
"UME-
AME"?

HAS
THE FOG
GOTTEN
THICKER?
JAPAN IS
REALLY
HUMID,
ISN'T
IT?

fuff

fuff



WHA-
?!

BUT I
WON'T
TELL
YOU.

...WELL,
I CAN
GUESS.



LET'S
SEE...
FOR
EXAM-
PLE...

TAK

TAK
TAK

WH...
WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN BY
INFOR-
MATION
...?!

IF YOU
WANT
ME TO
GIVE YOU
INFOR-
MATION,
I WANT
SOME IN
RETURN.

THERE'S
NO BENEFIT
FOR ME IN
TELLING
YOU,
AFTER ALL.
RIGHT?



GASP

WHAT...?!
HE KEPT
NOTES
ON THAT
?!

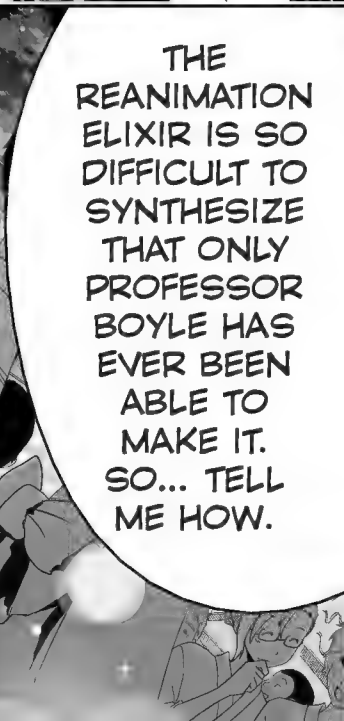
WHERE
ARE
THEY
?!



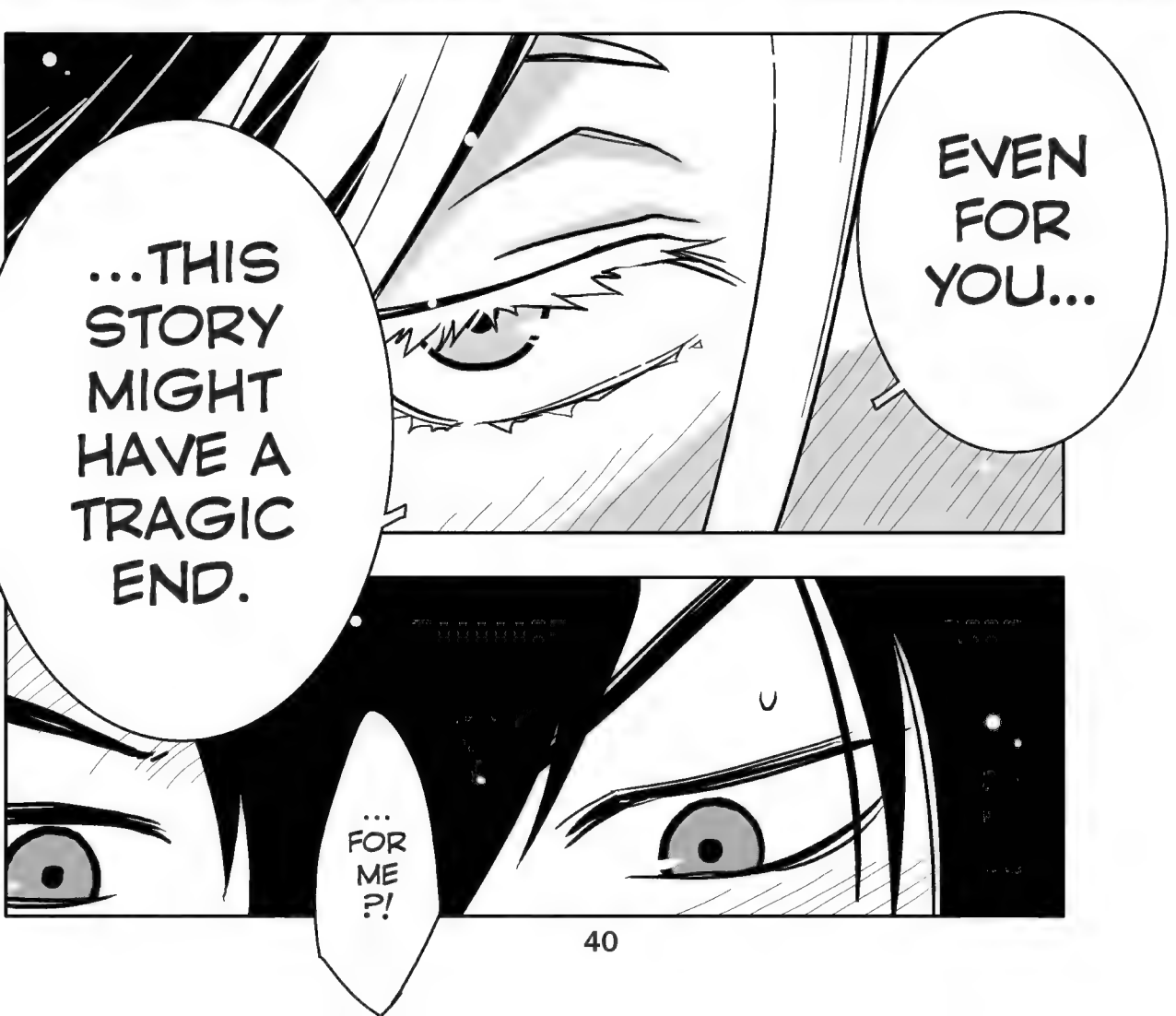
I... I
DON'T
KNOW.

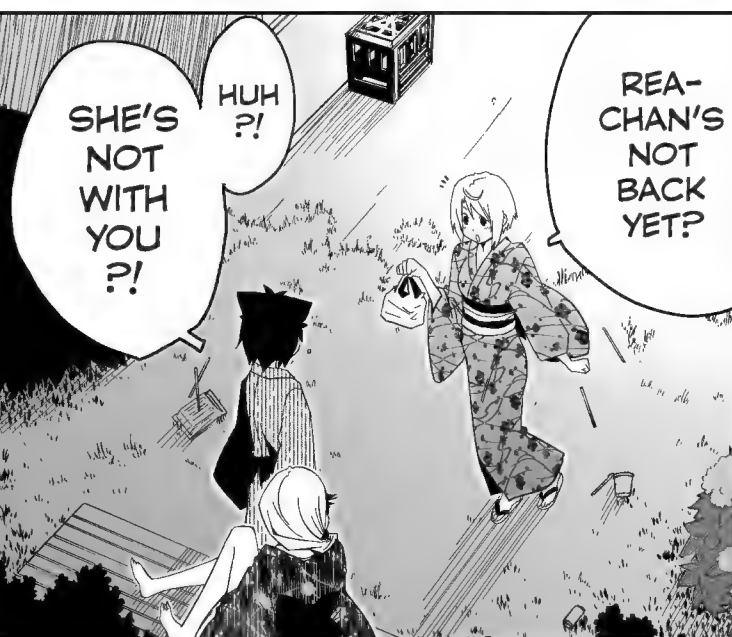
I JUST
FOLLOWED
THE
NOTES
THAT
GRANDPA
WROTE.

HUH
?!



THE
REANIMATION
ELIXIR IS SO
DIFFICULT TO
SYNTHESIZE
THAT ONLY
PROFESSOR
BOYLE HAS
EVER BEEN
ABLE TO
MAKE IT.
SO... TELL
ME HOW.







SHE'S
GOT TO
BE ON THE
MAIN PATH,
SO I'LL
FIND HER
MYSELF.

EAT THE
TAKOYAKI
WITHOUT
ME.



OKAY,
THEN
I'LL
GO
WITH
...

NO
!



TAK

TAK



...
HMM.

STARE





IT'S
WHY I CAN
BE WITH
FURUYA-
KUN...

IT WAS
BECAUSE
I BECAME A
ZOMBIE THAT
I GOT MY
FREEDOM
AND LEFT
HOME.

LIVE
WITH NO
REGRETS...
HUH?

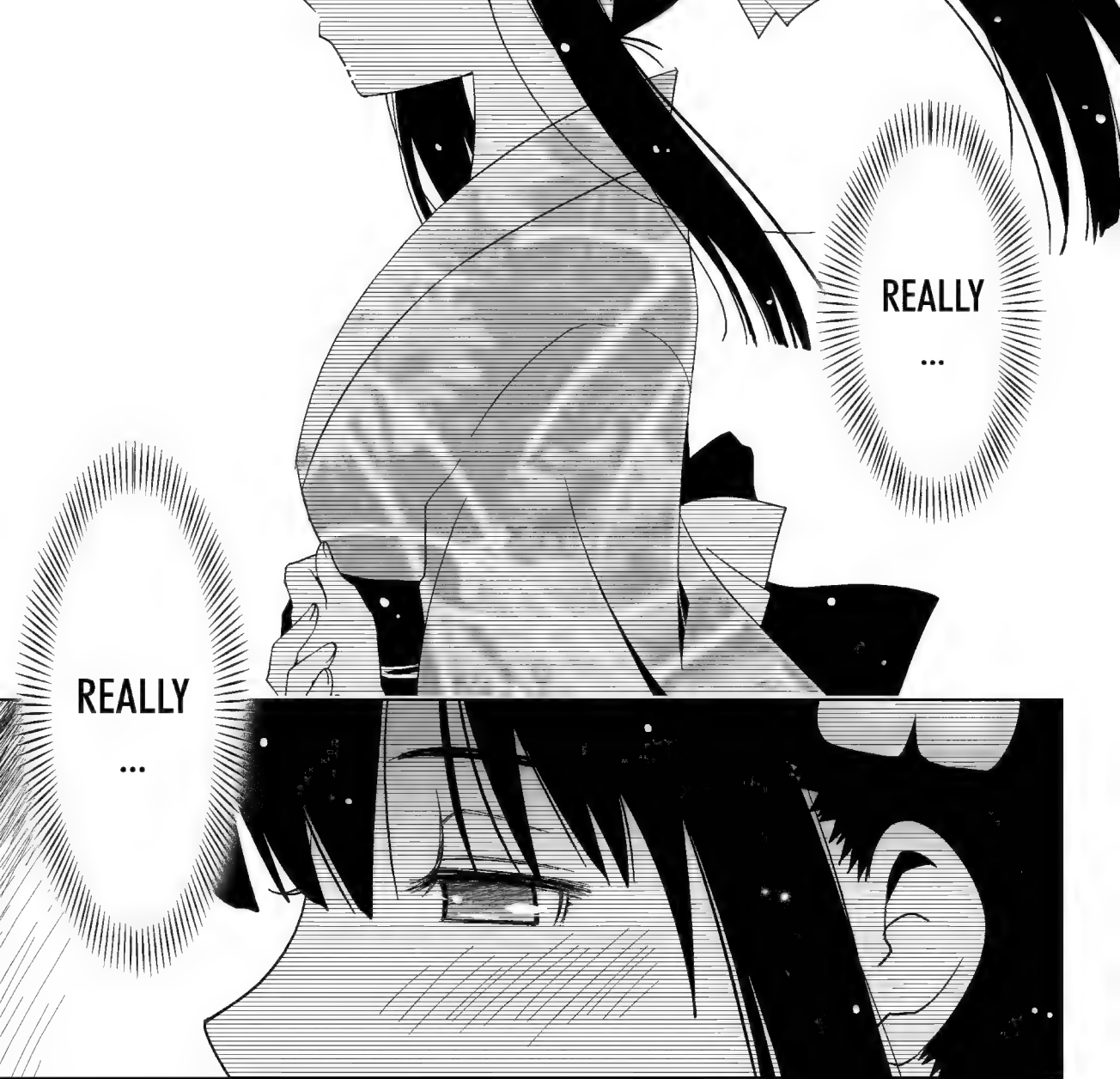
TSSSSHH

...I THINK
I COULD BE
TOTALLY
SATISFIED
WITH THINGS
AS THEY
ARE.

SO EVEN IF
I WERE TO
DISAPPEAR
BEFORE TOO
LONG...

BUT...

...









SINCE
WE'RE
OUT
HERE...

UM...

DO
YOU
WANT TO
GO FOR
A LITTLE
WALK
WITH ME
ALONG
THE
RIVER...?



FSSH



IT
IS...

YEAH.

IT'S
GETTING
KIND OF...
MISTY,
ISN'T
IT?



IT'S
GETTING
HARDER
TO SEE,
ISN'T
IT...?

ON
ALL
SIDES...



...



IT'S
AS
IF...

...THERE'S
NO ONE
IN THE
WORLD
EXCEPT
FOR THE
TWO
OF US...



WOW...
HAS IT
BEEN
THAT
LONG
?

AND
ABOUT TWO
WEEKS SINCE
I MET YOU,
FURUYA-
KUN...

NNH...
YEAH,
THAT'S
RIGHT.

NOW
THAT YOU
MENTION IT...
IT'S ALREADY
BEEN ABOUT
TEN DAYS
SINCE I
BECAME A
ZOMBIE...

COME
ON,
PLEASE
DON'T
TEASE
ME!!

...AND
SHOUTED,
"WHY WAS
I BORN
INTO THE
SANKA
FAMILY
?!"

EEEEEEEE

THE
FIRST
TIME WE
MET, YOU
LOOKED
INTO THAT
WELL...

AW
...!

BLUSH

ARE
YOU...
LISTEN-
ING
?

FU-
RUYA-
KUN
?

ER
...

THERE
WAS
NO
OTHER
WAY...
FOR
ME TO...

I... I
MEAN,
BACK
THEN...



ba-
bump

ba-
bump

ba-
bump

ba-
bump

SOMETHING
LIKE THIS...
HAPPENED
BEFORE...

ba-
bump

ba-
bump

SOME-
HOW,
I FEEL
LIKE...

REA
....?!

ba-
bump

....?

SOME-
THING'S
PULSING,
THUMPING,
ECHOING
INSIDE MY
BODY...

IT'S
NOT MY
HEART...
THIS IS...

ba-
bump

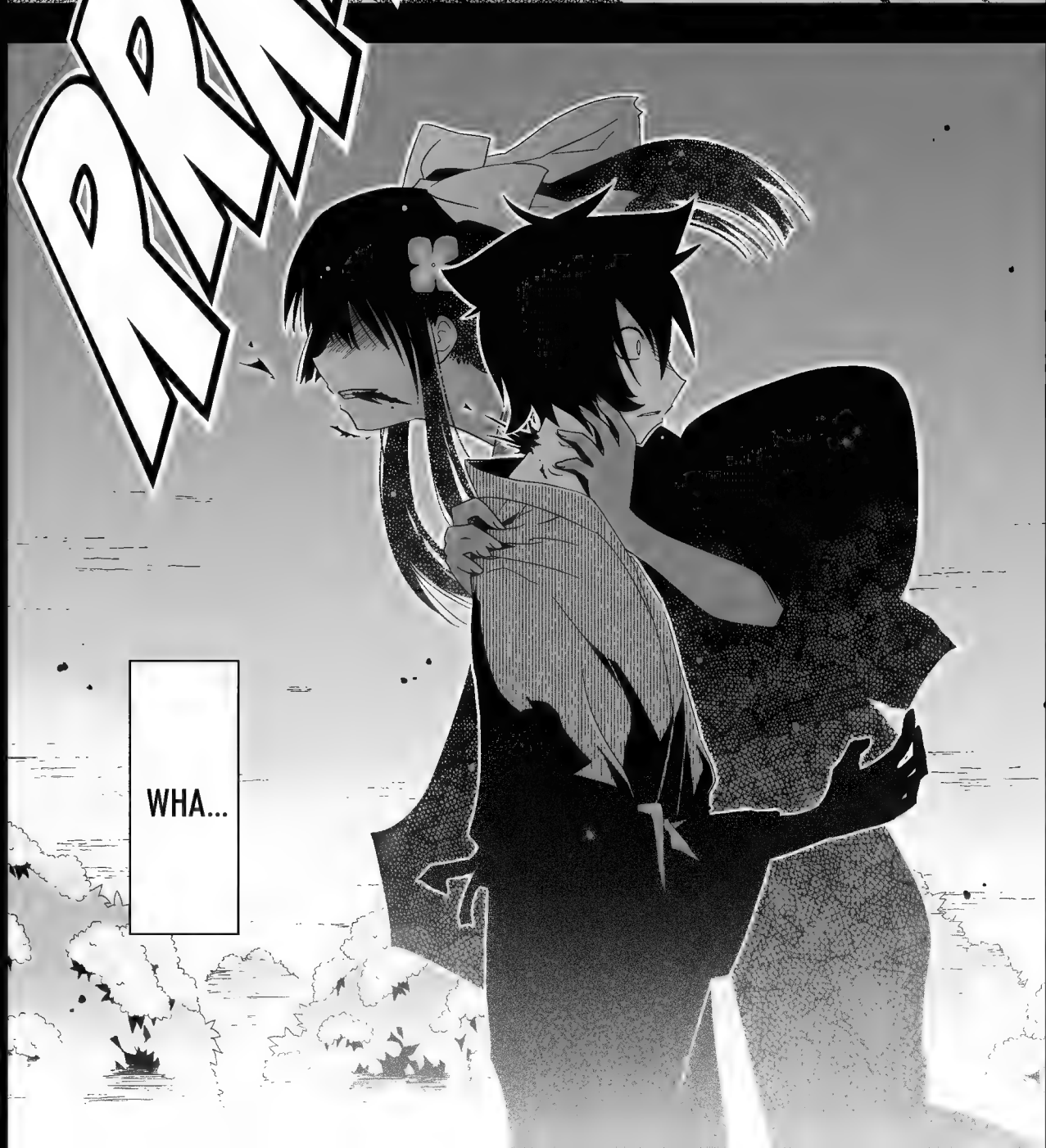
ba-
bump

ba-
bump

AH
...



SANKAREA



WHA...



...A
...?!
...



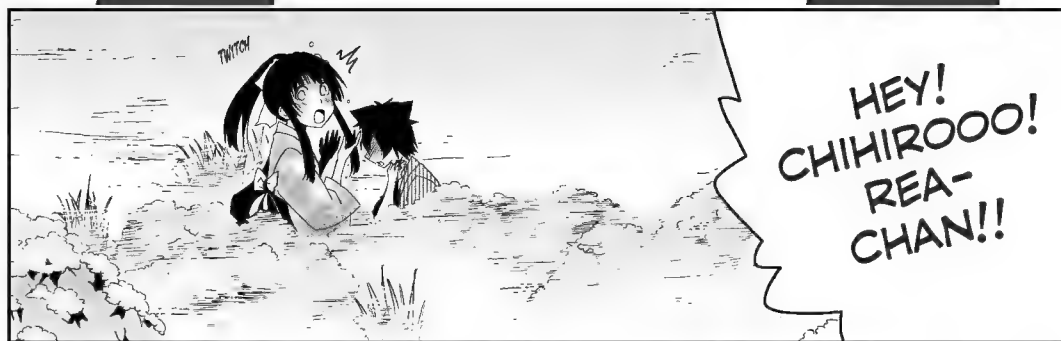


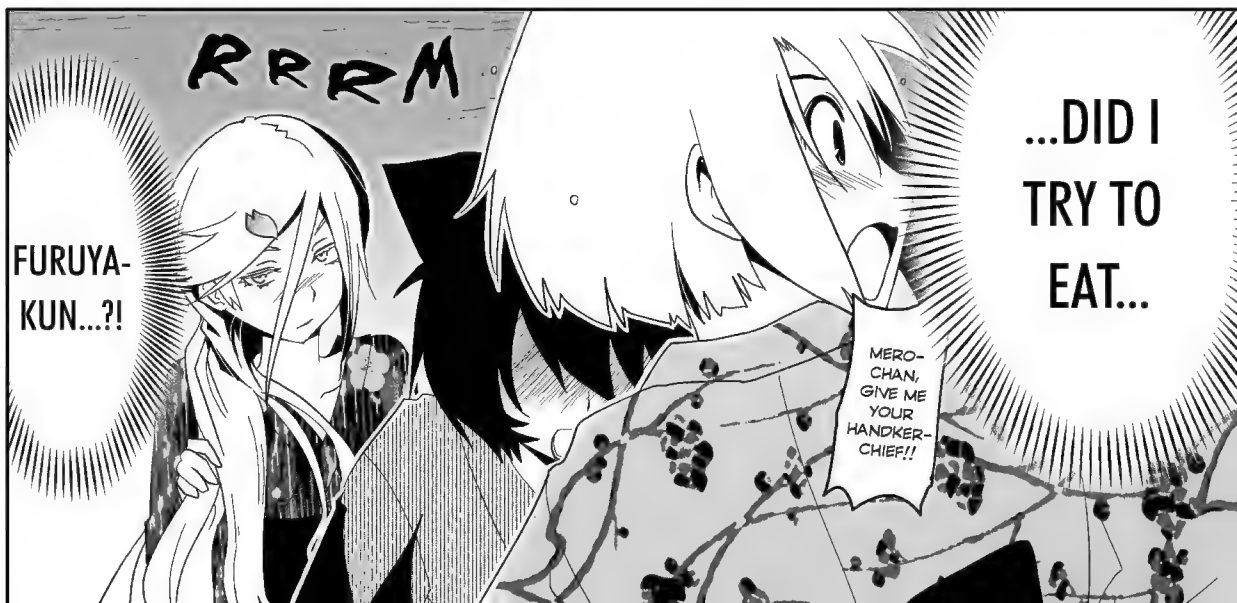
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**HOW ABOUT...
SOMETHING... LIKE THIS...?**

GROUND: THE NIGHT OF TERROR





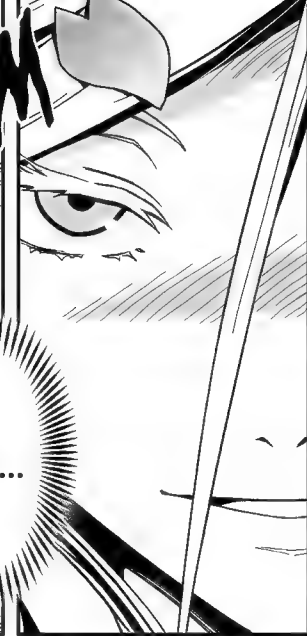




REA-
CHAN,
WHAT
HAD-
PENED
...?



IT... IT
CAN'T
BE...

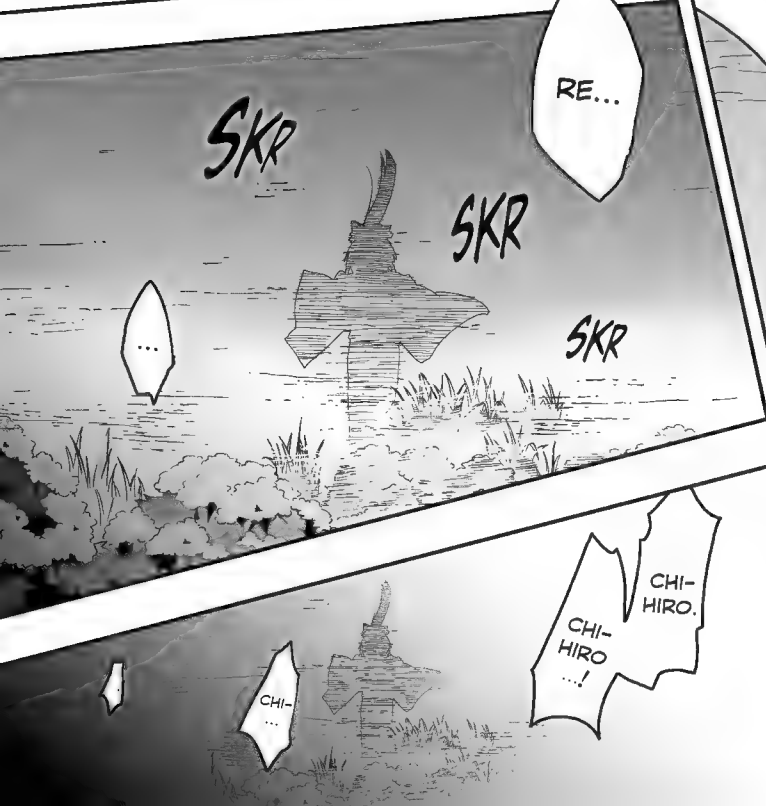


NO...



WAIT
...

REA-
CHAN
!!



RE...

SKR

SKR

SKR

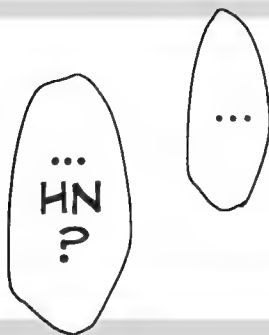
CHI-
HIRO
...!

CHI-
HIRO.



SKR
SKR

SKR



...HIRO.

CHIIHIRO...

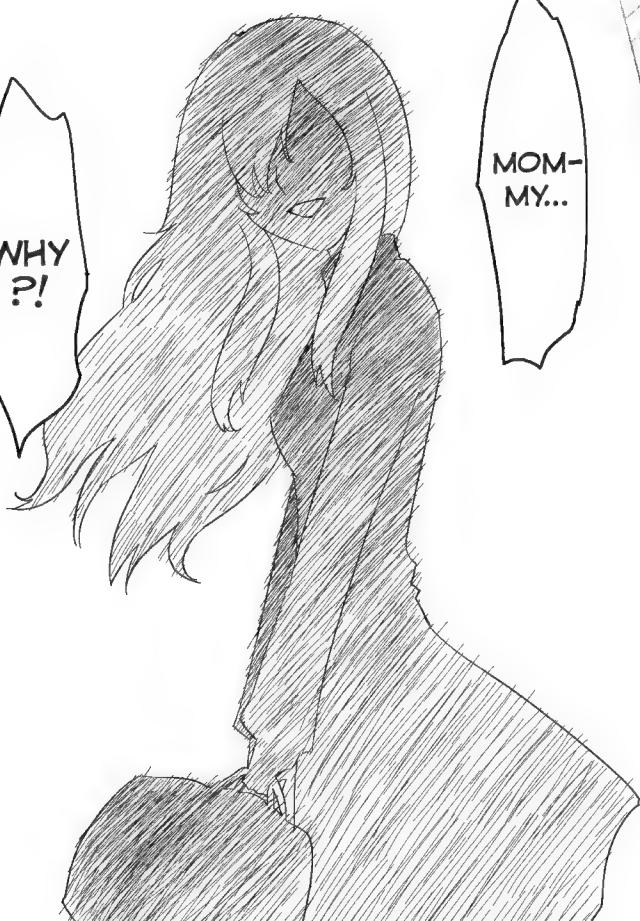
LISTEN CAREFULLY...
TO WHAT I'M GOING
TO SAY TO YOU...



CHIIHIRO, MERO...



BUT IT'S...
BECAUSE I
LOVE BOTH
OF YOU...
THAT I
HAVE TO...
GO AWAY...



YOUR
MOM
HAS TO
GO LIVE
FAR
AWAY...





I
DON'T
UNDER-
STAND.

MOM-
MY
!!

...ARE
YOU
LEAV-
ING
US
...?!

IF
YOU
LOVE
US,
THEN
WHY...

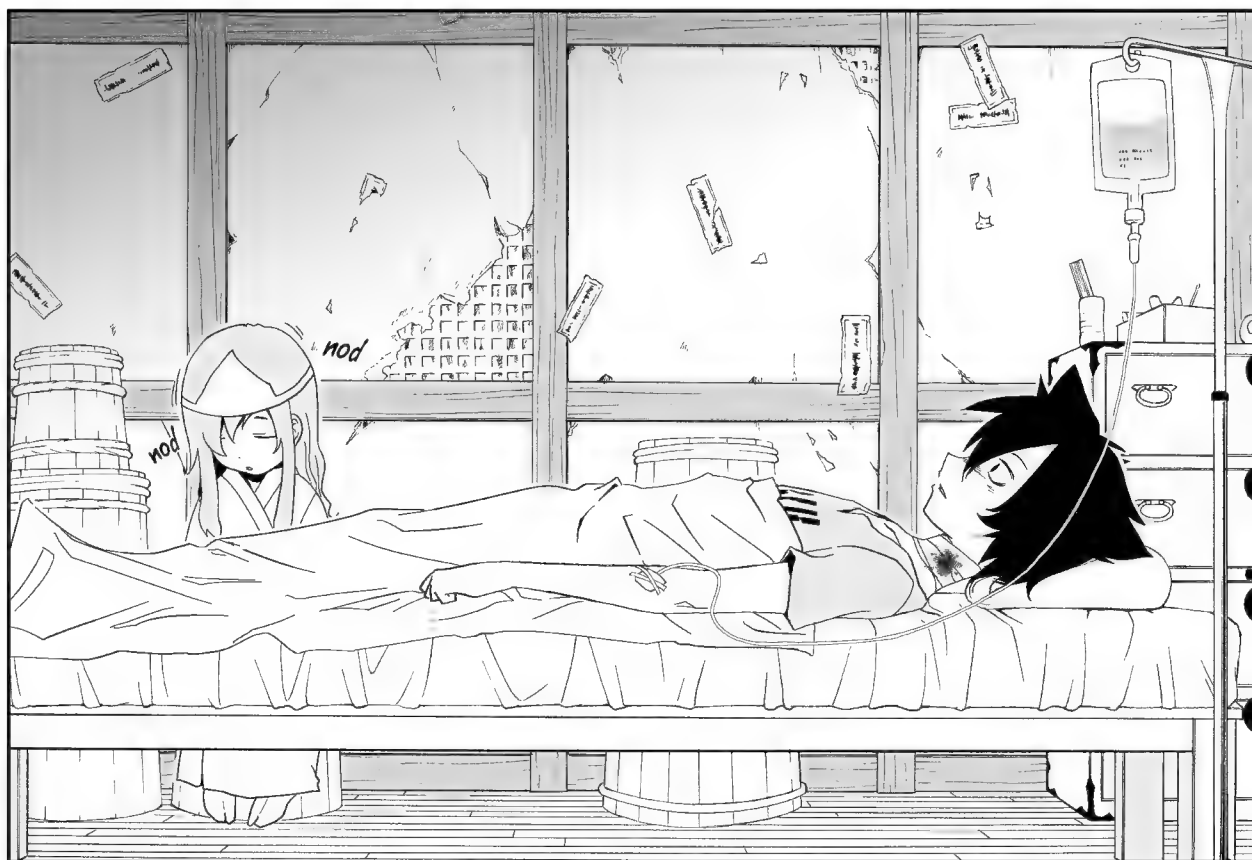


CHIIHIRO...

MERO...

GOODBYE...

MOMMY!!







POI-
SON
...

OF
COURSE,
WITHOUT
MY FIRST
AID, THAT
WOULD
HAVE BEEN
A LETHAL
DOSE.

YOU'RE
LUCKY
THAT SHE
DIDN'T
BITE YOU
VERY
DEEPLY.

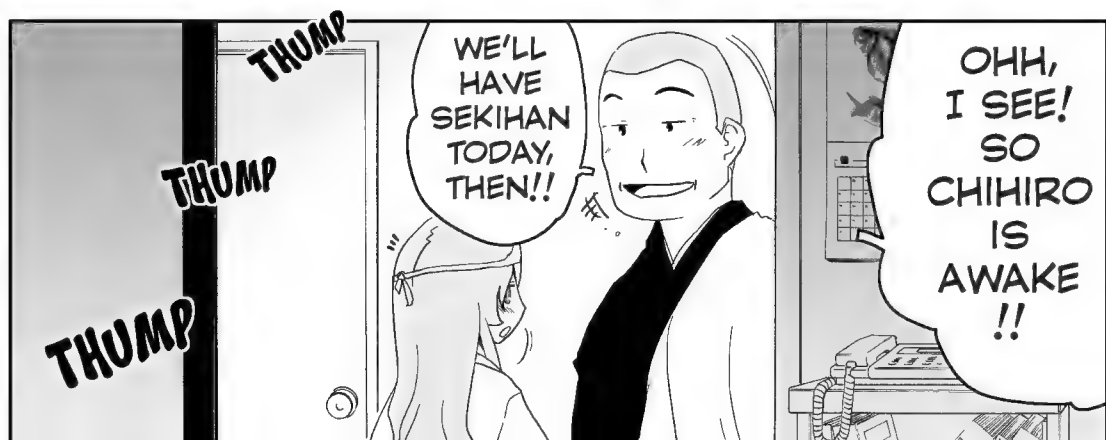
SHE
JUST
BARELY
MISSED
THE
CAROTID
ARTERY,
TOO...



WHERE
IS
SHE?!



GASP







THAT SHE
DIDN'T
COME
BACK
AFTER THE
FESTIVAL!

I
HEARD
...

...
REA'S
GONE
...!



DAMN IT.
HOW
COULD SHE
FORGET HER
TRANSCIVER
AT A TIME
LIKE THIS...?

WHOOSH

...
YEAH...



HEY.

GAH!
YASU-
TAKA?
MOGI
?!

AND
SINCE
YESTERDAY,
WE'VE ALL
BEEN
LOOKING
FOR
REA-CHAN
TOGETHER.

SO I
CALLED
YOUR
FRIENDS
AND
THE GIRLS
FROM THE
TENNIS
TEAM...

HM
?

BE-
CAUSE
IT'S YOU,
CHIIRO,
I
FIGURED
YOU'D
DO
THIS.



OH HH...!!
REA-SAMA,
WHERE
HAVE YOU
GOOONE
?!
WHY!!



whisper
whisper
IT'S
OKAY,
I DIDN'T
TELL THEM
THAT
MUCH.

YOU
TOLD
THE
OTHERS
ABOUT
THE
ZOMBIE
STUFF
...?



AND
SHE
HASN'T
TAKEN
A TAXI
OR A
TRAIN...

APPAR-
ENTLY
NO ONE
ELSE
HAS
SEEN
HER,
EITHER...

WE
SEARCHED
THE
WHOLE
TOWN,
BUT SHE
WASN'T
ANY-
WHERE...

SO,
DID
YOU
FIND
REA?
?



REA'S
MOM?!
DID
SHE SAY
ANYTHING
?!
SSHHH

SO I
JUST TRIED
TO TELL REA-
CHAN'S MOM
ABOUT WHAT
HAPPENED
OVER THE
PHONE,
BUT...

...THEY
SAID WE
COULDN'T
FILE A
MISSING
PERSON
REPORT
IF WE
WEREN'T
RELATIVES.

BUT
WHEN WE
THOUGHT
WE'D GO
FILE A
REPORT
AT THE
POLICE
STATION...



NO...
I GUESS
HER MOM
COULDN'T
COME TO
THE PHONE...
I TOLD THE
MAIDS TO TELL
HER IT WAS
URGENT,
THOUGH...

ILLIGRAPHY: Joys and Sorrows by Furuya Mero



WAIT,
WHERE
DO YOU
THINK
YOU'RE
GOING
?!

I BET HER
MOM'S PUT
OUT A REPORT
FROM HER END,
MOST LIKELY...
AND IT'S
BETTER FOR
US TO JUST
SEE WHAT
HAPPENS...



WANKO,
LEND
ME
THAT
COAT.



I'M
GOING
TO GO
TALK
TO HER
MOM.



...THAT
WOMAN
SAID
ABSOLUTELY
NOTHING.
DO YOU
REALLY
THINK
SHE'D DO
ANYTHING
FOR HER
DAUGHTER
?



EVEN
WHEN HER
DAUGHTER
BECAME A
ZOMBIE AND
STARTED
LIVING WITH
SOMEONE
ELSE...

SSSSHHHHH







CLANG
CLANG



MISS
MAID,
CALL
REA'S
MOM,
PLEASE
!!

I
WANT
TO TALK
TO HER,
FACE TO
FACE!!
I'M
BEGGING
YOU
!!



OH
MY.

CLICK

tremble!
tremble

NOW
!!

FSSSH



FSSHH

UNFORTUNATELY,
TODAY WE'VE BEEN
INSTRUCTED
BY ARIA-SAMA
NOT TO ALLOW A
SINGLE PERSON
TO ENTER
THE ESTATE.

FURUYA-
SAMA,
IT'S
BEEN
QUITE A
WHILE.

HOW
CAN
YOU
BE SO
CALM AT
A TIME
LIKE
THIS?!

PLEASE
RETURN
TOMOR-
ROW.



FSSHH

...OH!
COULD THIS
BE ABOUT
THE PROBLEM
INVOLVING
REA-SAMA
THAT WE
RECEIVED A
CALL ABOUT
EARLIER?

IF THAT'S
THE CASE,
I'LL TAKE
RESPONSIBILITY
FOR RELAYING
THAT MESSAGE
TO ARIA-SAMA
LATER...

...SO
PLEASE
LEAVE
FOR
TODAY.

FSSHH

SCURRY



YOU
ARE
MIS-
TAKEN.

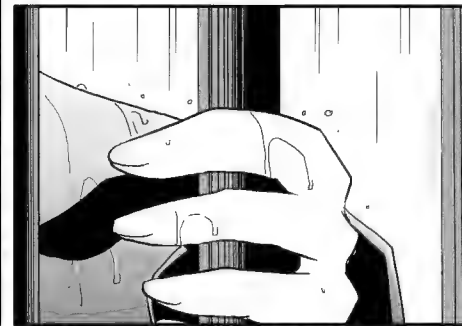
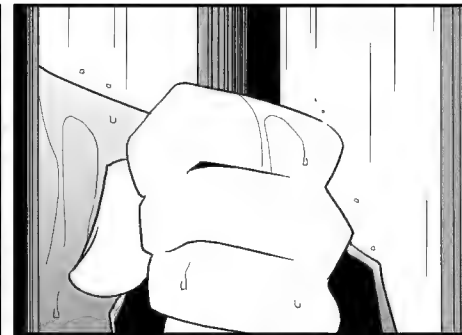
HMPH...
YOU THINK
THAT JUST
BECAUSE
DANICHIROH
GAVE HIS
APPROVAL
THAT YOU
CAN PUSH
AROUND
THE SANKA
FAMILY?



TEE
HEE
HEE!

HA
HA!

FSSHH



...WHAT COULD I
POSSIBLY DO FOR
HER, IF SHE'S
BECOMING WHAT
KURUMIYA SAID?

EVEN IF
I COULD
FIND REA
NOW...

COULD
IT BE...
THAT I'M
ALREADY
TOO LATE...?

SPLOSH

SPLOSH

I DON'T
KNOW...
I DON'T
KNOW,
BUT...

SPLOSH

BUT...



SPLSH
SPLSH
SPLSHH

?

SPLSHH

SHEESH.

AT
LEAST
THE
BRAT'S
SMART
ENOUGH
TO
UNDER-
STAND
HIS
PLACE.







WOW...

SPLOSH

THUMP

SINCE THERE'S
MORE POISON
IN ME THAN
LAST TIME,
MY BRAIN'S
LIMITERS HAVE
BEEN RELEASED
EVEN MORE!

WH-
WHA
...

SPLASH
SPLASH

THAT'S
PAYBACK
FOR LAST
TIME!!

GASH!

THUDD



FWSH

Taser-style stungun

UM...
UH...

SHOW
ME TO
HER
ROOM
!!

THUMP
THUMP



WHOOSH

CRRACKLE



STOP
THAT
NOW
!!





THEN...
AS THE
DIRECTOR
OF HER
SCHOOL,
WON'T
YOU
HELP
SEARCH
FOR ONE
OF YOUR
STU-
DENTS
?



I
HAVE
NO
INTEREST
IN
WHATEVER
HAS
HAPPENED
TO
REA.

I'M NO
LONGER
THAT
GIRL'S
MOTHER,
AFTER
ALL.



ARIA-
SAN.

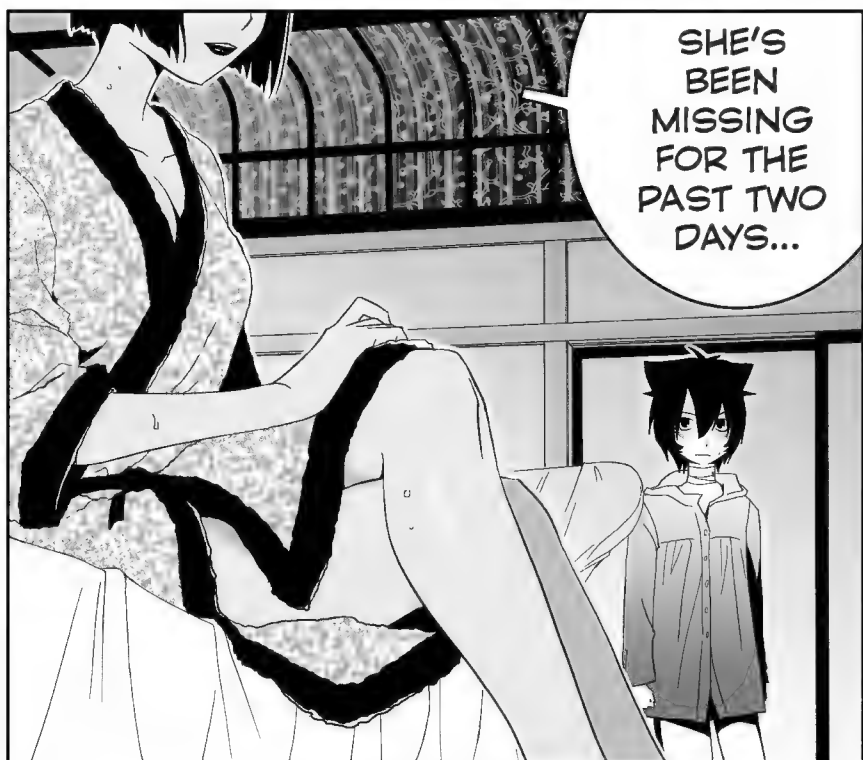
SO...
PLEASE.



drip...

I...
NEED...
YOUR
HELP.







glide

...I
THOUGHT
YOU WERE
PATHETIC,
BUT IT TURNS
OUT YOU'RE
BRAVER THAN
I EXPECTED.



NOD

YOU'RE
EARN-
EST
AND
BRAVE...

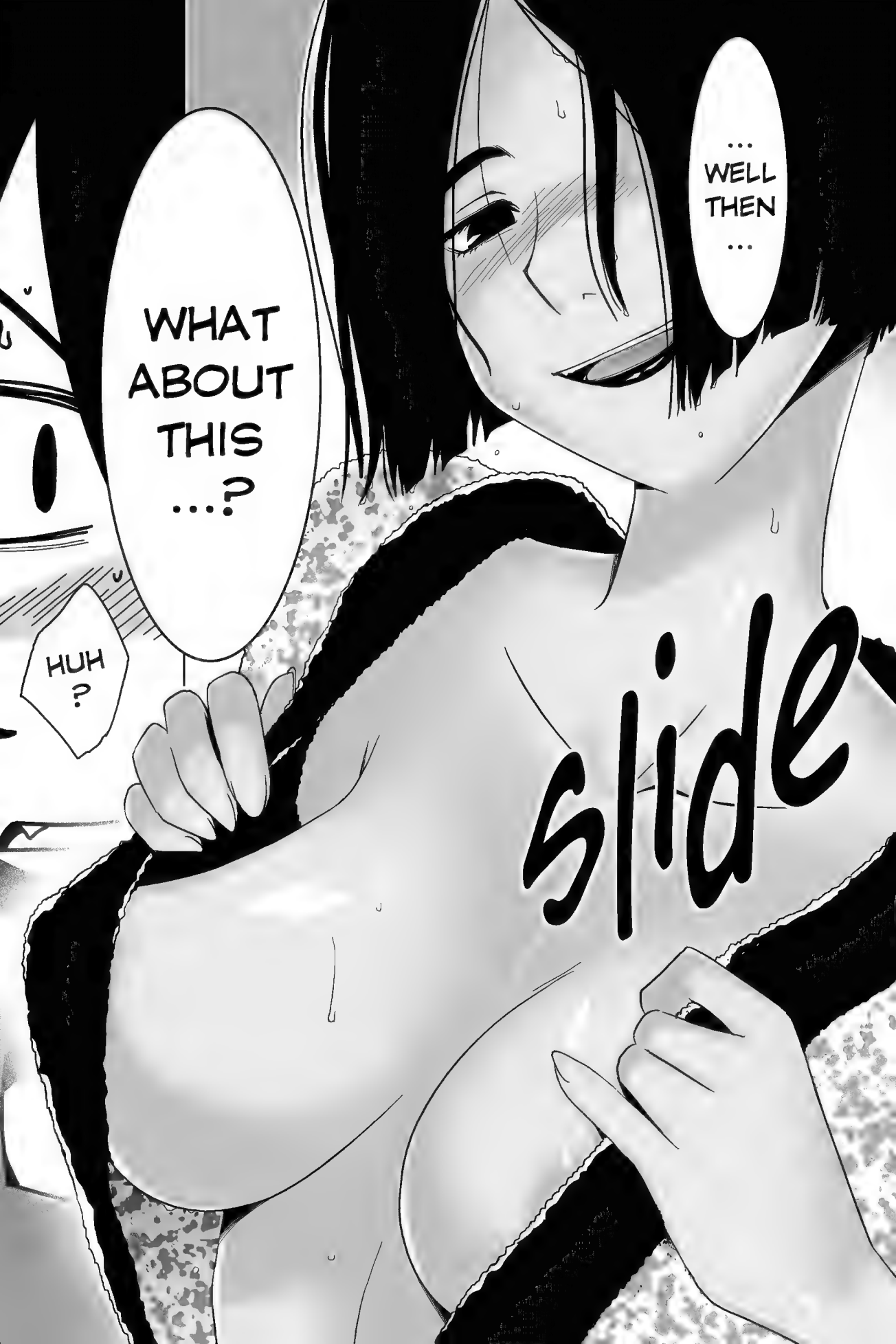
BUT..
DO YOU
REALLY
WANT TO
SAVE THAT
GIRL SO
MUCH...?

FSSHH



...I
SEE.

slip



WHAT
ABOUT
THIS
...?

...
WELL
THEN
...

HUH?
?

slide

SANKAREA ANECDOTES 4

About Ranko

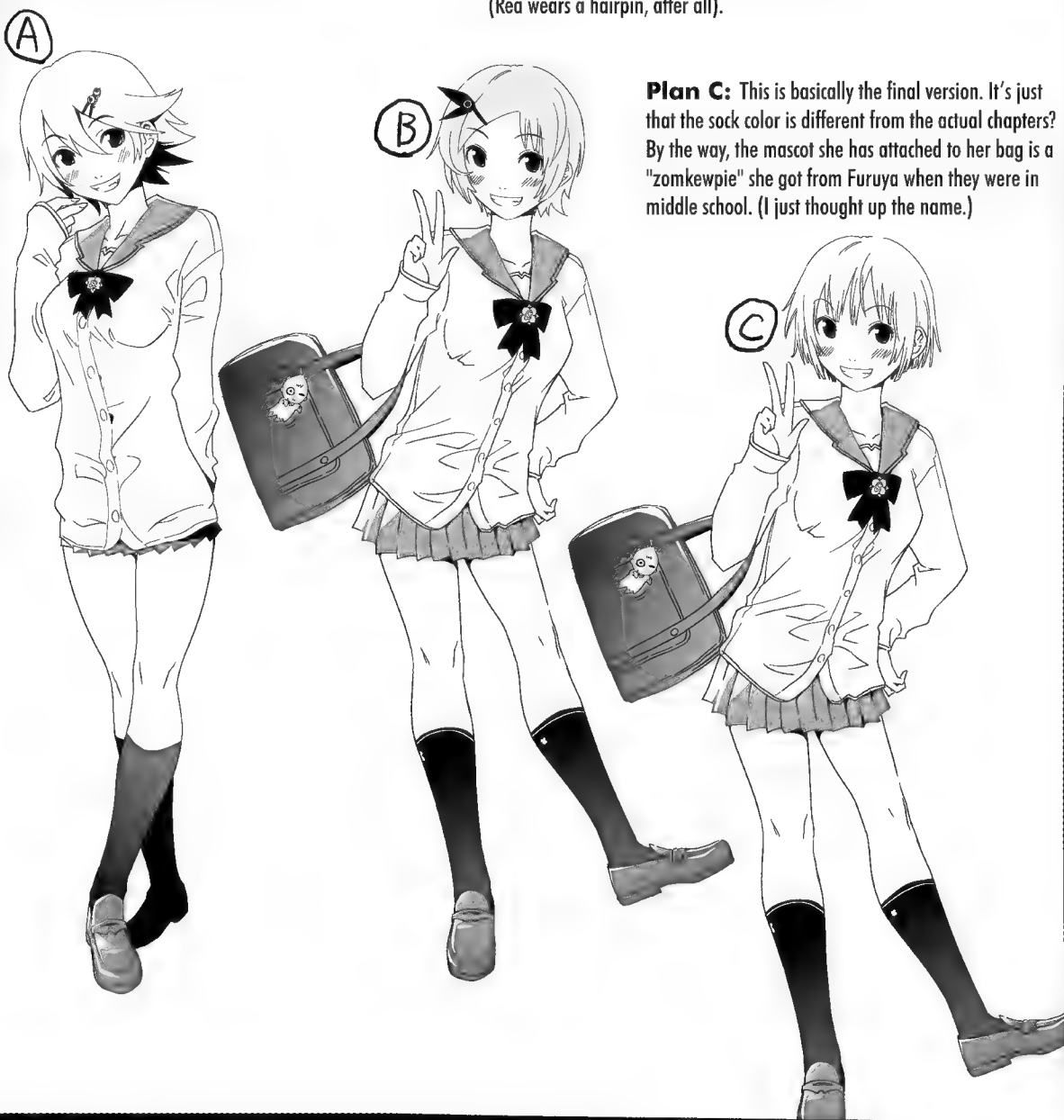
Last time, I showed you the changes to Rea, but this time I'll go over the changes to the character design of Ranko (Wanko).

She didn't go through changes as extreme as Rea's. At first I thought I'd play with her hairstyle and accessories, but in the end, I used a rather orthodox design without going outside the lines too much.

Plan A: The atmosphere (sexiness) exuded is a bit different from the final version. This might be pretty good as it is. Even so, what a short skirt!

Plan B: This is the only version with colored hair. In plans A and B, I thought I should just put some kind of accent in the hair, but finally decided to give it up. (Rea wears a hairpin, after all).

Plan C: This is basically the final version. It's just that the sock color is different from the actual chapters? By the way, the mascot she has attached to her bag is a "zomkewpie" she got from Furuya when they were in middle school. (I just thought up the name.)





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STRONG... MEMORIES...

◆STRIPPERS 5 VS. ZOMBIES◆



...WELL
THEN,
WHAT
ABOUT
THIS
...?

HEH
HEH
...

SLIP...

HOW
FAR...
HAVE
YOU
GONE
WITH
REA
?

HUH
?!

OR...
HAS SHE
BEEN SO
RESTRAINED
THAT
SHE'S GONE
COMPLETELY
INTO
HEAT?

STILL
JUST
KISS-
ING
?

glide

glide...

SCRAPE...

REA
WOULD
NEVER
...

W...
WHAT
ARE
YOU
SAYING
?

AH! OF
COURSE
YOU
HAVEN'T.

OH MY...
SO THEN
YOU
HAVEN'T
EVEN DONE
IT ONCE
WITH HER
...?

I
MEAN,
SHE
IS A
MONSTER,
AFTER
ALL.

TWITCH ..



THAT'S IT,
ISN'T IT?
SHE'S A
ZOMBIE,
SO HER
BODY IS
ALWAYS
ROTTING...

...
AND
SHE'S
GOING TO
START TO
SMELL,
RIGHT
?

HER
SKIN
WILL
ALSO
GET
DIRTIER
AND
DIRTIER,
HEH
HEH...



HOW
COULD
YOU TALK
LIKE THAT
ABOUT THE
GIRL YOU
GAVE
BIRTH
TO...?

HEH
HEH...
HEE
HEE!
AHA
HAHA
!





No way!

MURMER

SHE
HAS NO
BLOOD
RELATION-
SHIP TO
ME AT
ALL.

THAT'S
RIGHT...
REA IS...

...A
CHILD
HE HAD
WITH HIS
PREVIOUS
WIFE...

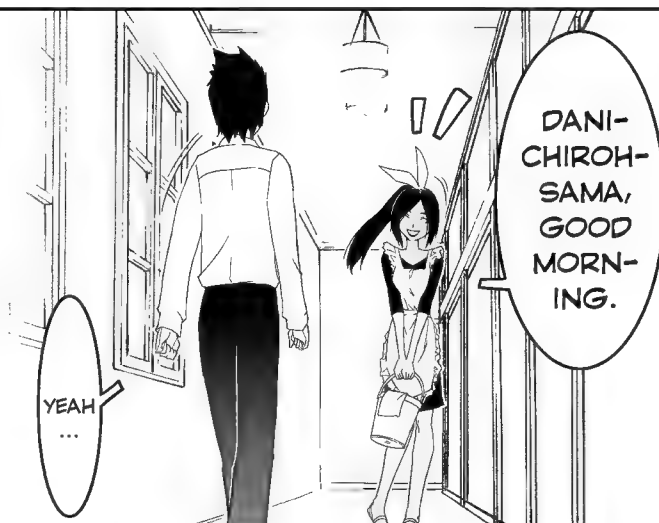


...AND
THEY WERE
FIGHTING OVER
DANICHIROH-SAN,
WHO WAS STILL
A GRADUATE
STUDENT AT
THE TIME.



A GREAT
NUMBER OF
MAIDS WERE
TRYING TO
GET TO KNOW
THE SANKA
FAMILY...

...BUT
DANICHIROH-
SAN WAS
NOT SWAYED
BY ANYONE
AT ALL.

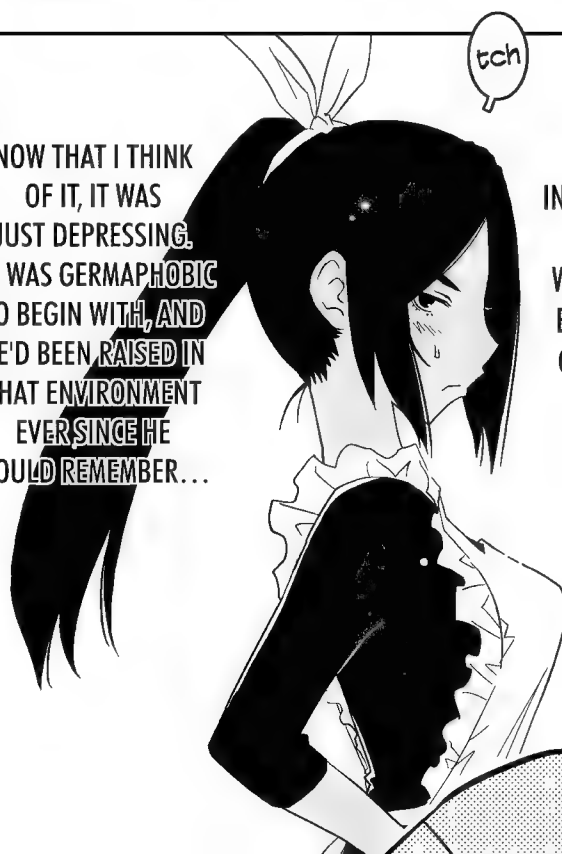


THAT'S
RIGHT...
I WAS ONE
OF THOSE
MAIDS.



...BUT
THEN THAT
SITUATION
CHANGED
COMPLETELY.

NOW THAT I THINK
OF IT, IT WAS
JUST DEPRESSING.
HE WAS GERMAPHOBIC
TO BEGIN WITH, AND
HE'D BEEN RAISED IN
THAT ENVIRONMENT
EVER SINCE HE
COULD REMEMBER...



HIS
INDIFFERENCE
TOWARDS
WOMEN WAS
ENOUGH TO
CAST EVERY
TYPE OF
DOUBT ON
HIM.

THAT DAY,
AS A PART OF
THE FAMILY'S
PHILANTHROPIC
ENDEAVORS...

A FENCING
TOURNAMENT
WAS HELD.

...SOME PEOPLE
FROM A NEARBY
FACILITY WERE
INVITED ONTO
THE SANKA
ESTATE.



DANI
CHIROH-
SAMA IS
WON-
DERFUL!

OF COURSE,
DANICHIROH-SAN
WAS AMONG THE
COMPETITORS.

HE
DEFEATED
THE BEST
FROM EACH
COUNTRY
TO WIN... grhn...



IT HAD BEEN DECIDED THAT DANICHIROH-SAN WOULD WIN THE TOURNAMENT THAT WAS HELD AT THE SANKA ESTATE EACH YEAR.

CLAP

C'ÉTAIT UN BON JEU.
(It was a good match.)

CLAP

CLAP

CLAP

BUT IT WAS ONLY NATURAL. THE SANKA FAMILY HAD DONATED AN INCREDIBLE SUM OF MONEY TO THE F.I.E., BECOMING ITS BIGGEST SPONSOR.

*F.I.E. = Federation Internationale d'Escrime

DID YOU THINK I WOULD LOSE ?!

WHY WON'T YOU FIGHT ME SERIOUSLY!!

GRAB

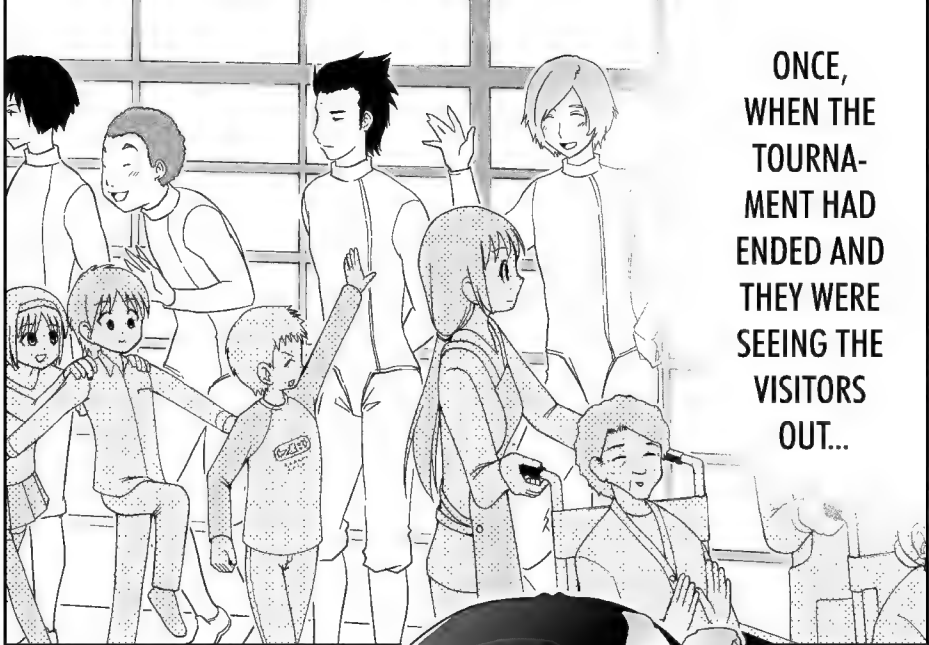
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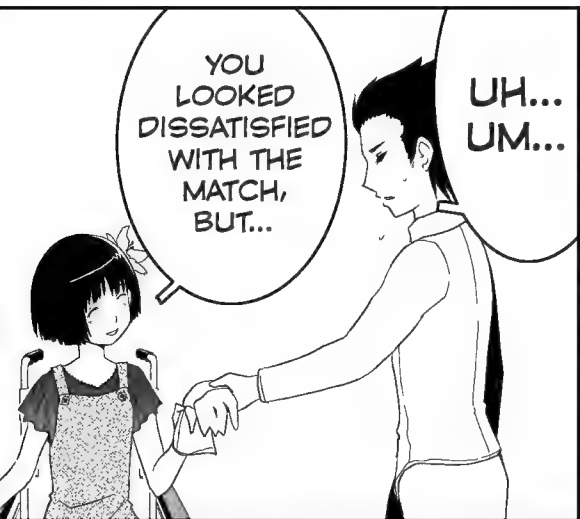


UM
...

slide...



ONCE,
WHEN THE
TOURNA-
MENT HAD
ENDED AND
THEY WERE
SEEING THE
VISITORS
OUT...



YOU
LOOKED
DISSATISFIED
WITH THE
MATCH,
BUT...

UH...
UM...



...IF YOU
TREAT YOUR
THINGS SO
CRUDELY,
GOD WILL
BE ANGRY
WITH YOU.

! TWITCH



A
LITTLE GIRL
SPOKE TO
DANICHIROH-
SAN...

HERE
...



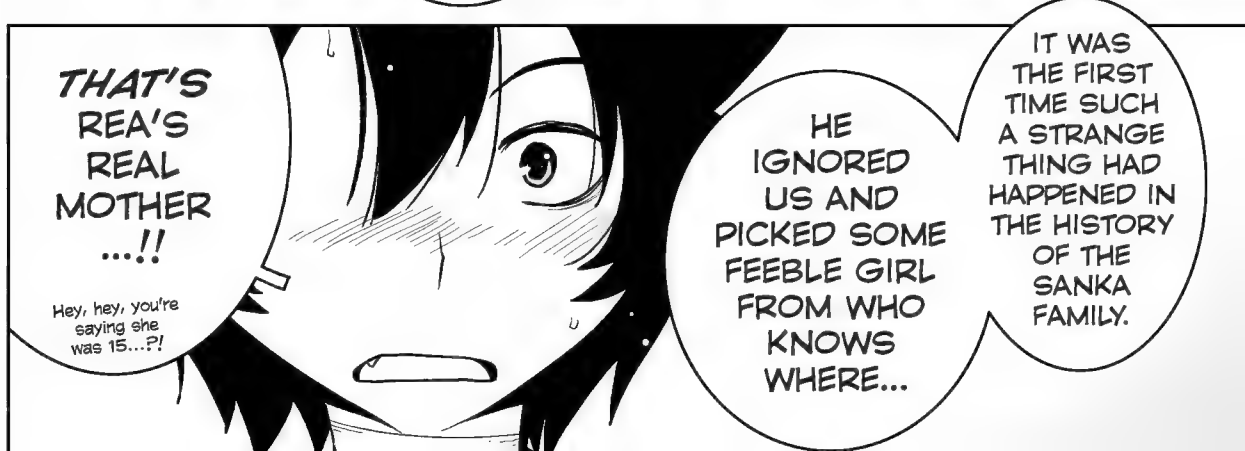
...IF YOUR
PRACTICE
AND HARD
WORK UP TO
NOW WERE
REAL, THAT'S
ALL THAT
MATTERS.

EVEN
IF THE
MATCH
WAS
FAKE
...



...AND
PRO-
POSED.

A FEW
DAYS AFTER
THAT,
DANICHIROH-
SAN
SUMMONED
THAT LITTLE
15-YEAR-
OLD GIRL...



THAT'S
REA'S
REAL
MOTHER
...!!

Hey, hey, you're
saying she
was 15...?!

HE
IGNORED
US AND
PICKED SOME
FEEBLE GIRL
FROM WHO
KNOWS
WHERE...

IT WAS
THE FIRST
TIME SUCH
A STRANGE
THING HAD
HAPPENED IN
THE HISTORY
OF THE
SANKA
FAMILY.



slide...

BUT

...



TUG



WELL,
THAT
GIRL
DIED
SOON
AFTER
GIVING
BIRTH...

...AND I
QUICKLY
GOT MY
HANDS ON
DANICHIROH-
SAN, SO
IT'S FINE...



CLACK



WHY
?!

BUT
...





WON'T
YOU
COM-
FORT
ME...

...WITH
YOUR
BODY
...?

Slide...

I'LL
TEACH
YOU
ABOUT
THE
WARMTH
...

...THAT
YOU
CAN'T
EXPERIENCE
WITH A
ZOMBIE
...



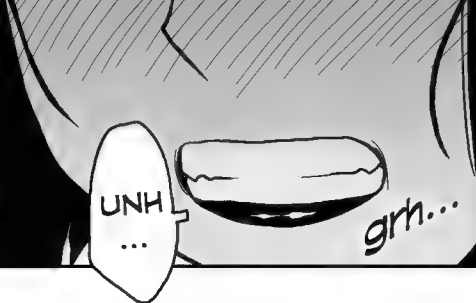
HUFF...

...A
SAD
WOMAN
...?

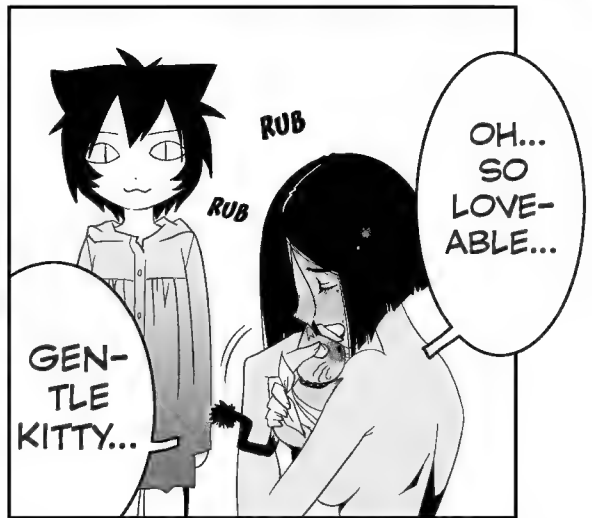
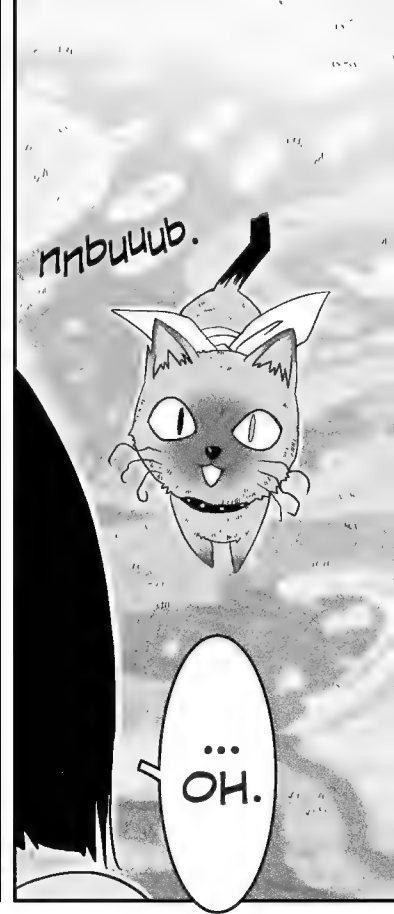
FURUYA-
KUN,
DON'T I
SEEM
LIKE...

Wobble...



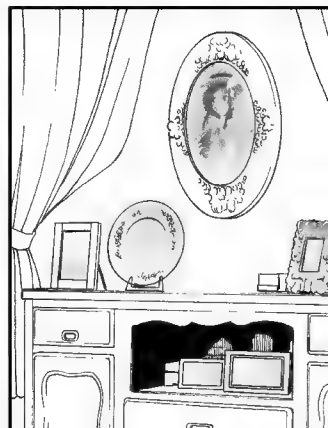
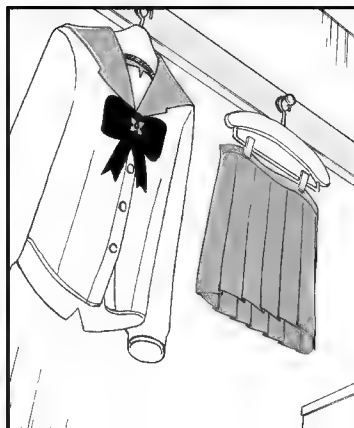
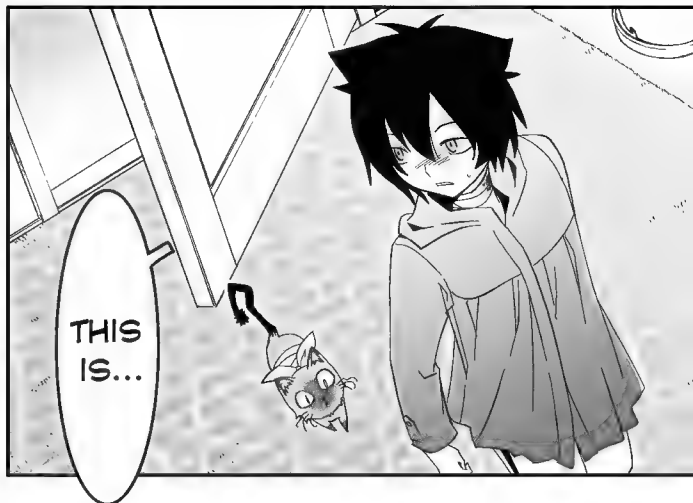


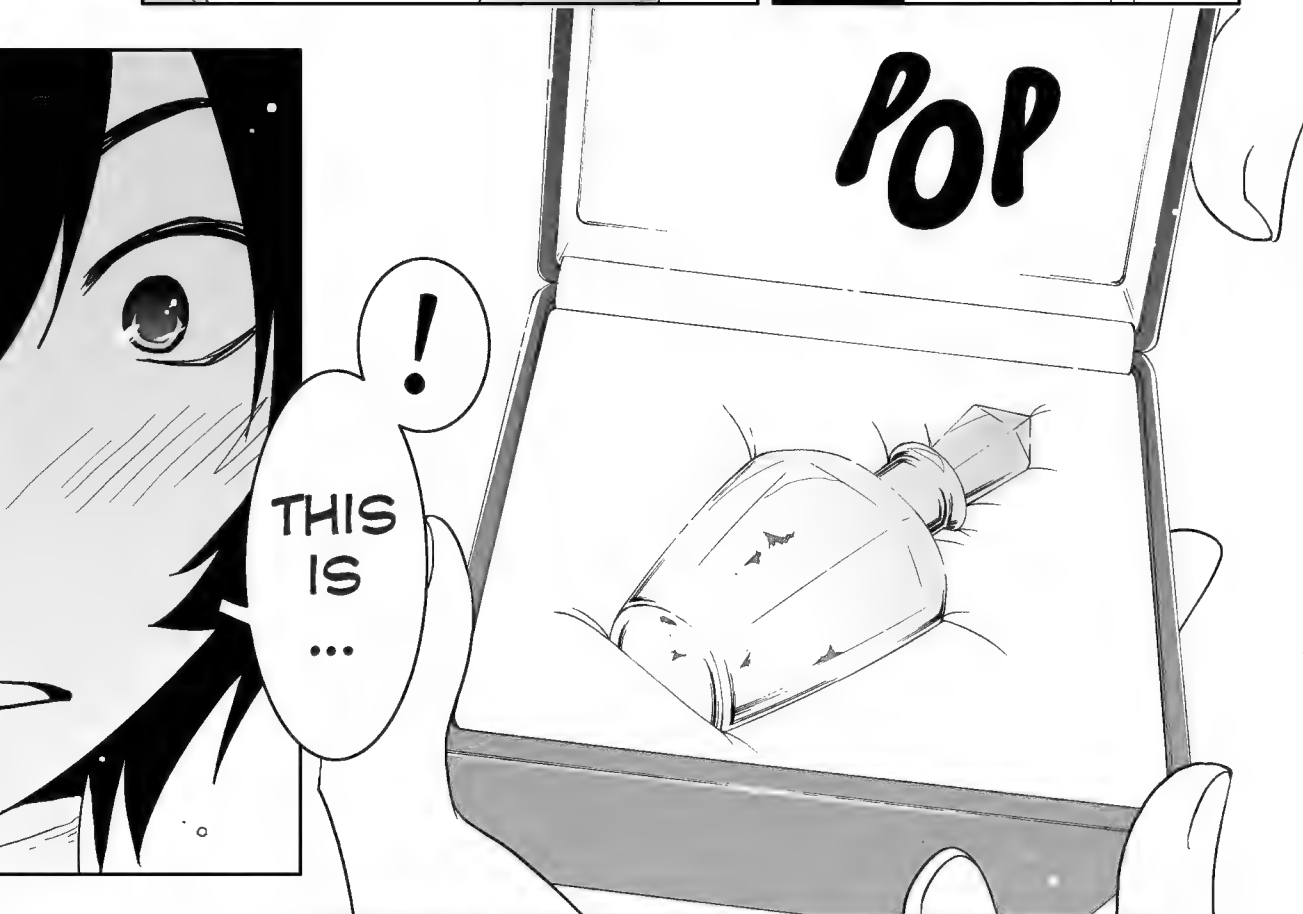
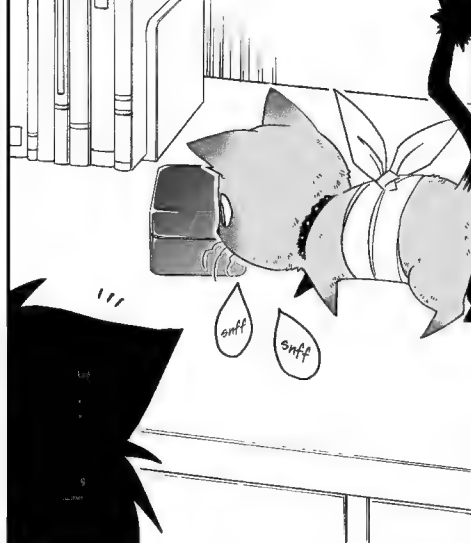
WHY...
WHY DOES
EVERYONE
ONLY LIKE
THAT GIRL
...?



SOMEONE
THROW THESE
TWO INSOLENT
CREATURES OFF
THE ESTATE!!









AND THEN...
INTENDING
TO COMMIT
SUICIDE...

...SHE
DRANK
ALL THE
POISON AT
ONCE...



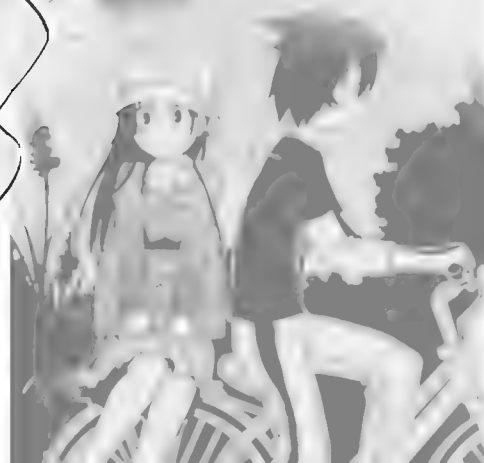
I WOULD NEVER
HAVE THOUGHT
SHE'D SAVE
THE BOTTLE
FROM THAT
MOMENT, LIKE
A SOUVENIR...

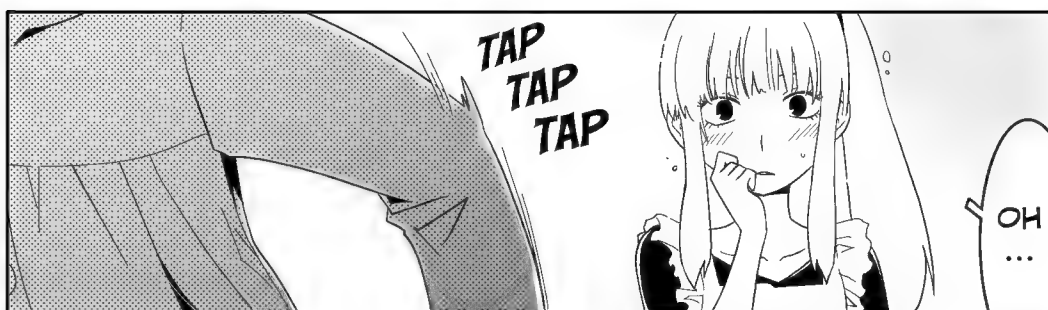
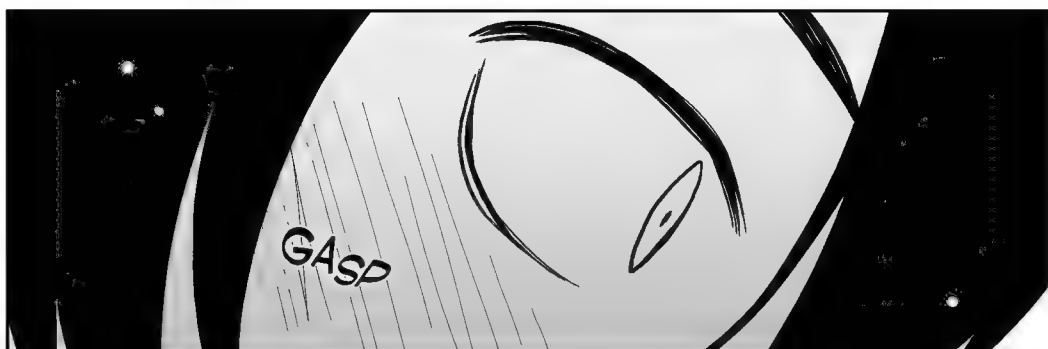
HER
MEMO-
RIES...
OF THAT
DAY...

REA
...

SQUEEZE...

...
YOU
FOOL-
ISH...





FSSHHH



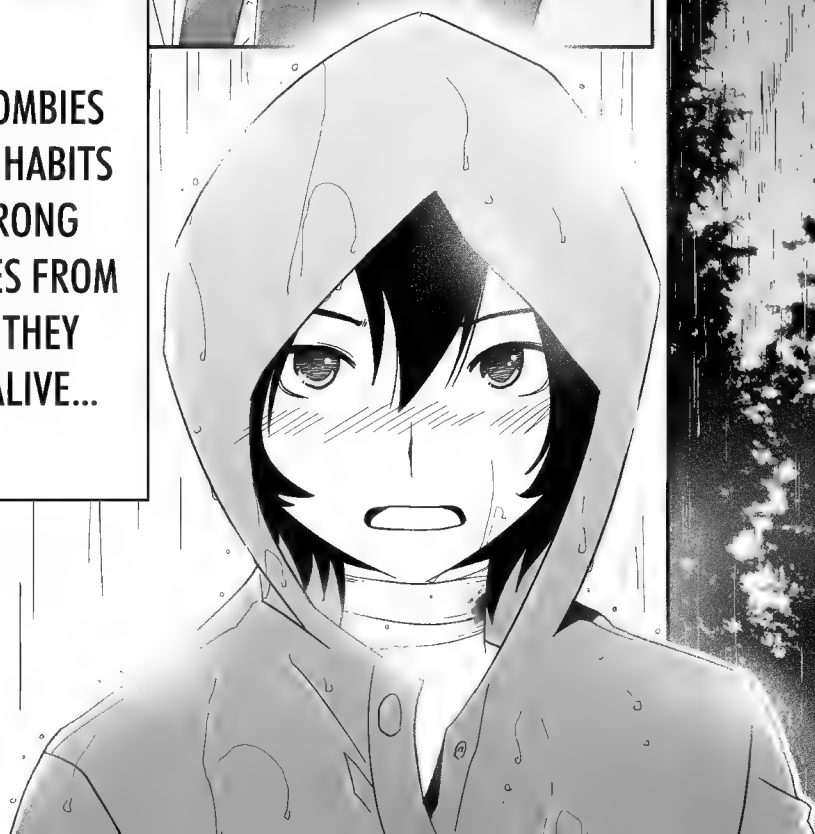
IN
LOTS OF
ZOMBIE
MOVIES

...



...THE ZOMBIES
FOLLOW HABITS
OR STRONG
MEMORIES FROM
WHEN THEY
WERE ALIVE...

IF
THAT'S
SO...



FSHH







TWAS

THAT
THAT
THAT

GETTING
A LITTLE
FLESH
MUNCED
UP BY A
ZOMBIE
IS
NOTHING
...



AS A
ZOMBIE
FAN,
I MIGHT
EVEN BE
PROUD
OF IT
!

SHHHHHH



SHH

SKR

SO
...

...

SHH

SO
...!!



YOU
MUST
BE...

...UPSET
ABOUT
BITING
ME,
RIGHT
?

SHHHHHH

BUT...
IT'S ALL
RIGHT
!!





FURU-
YA...

...
KUN...

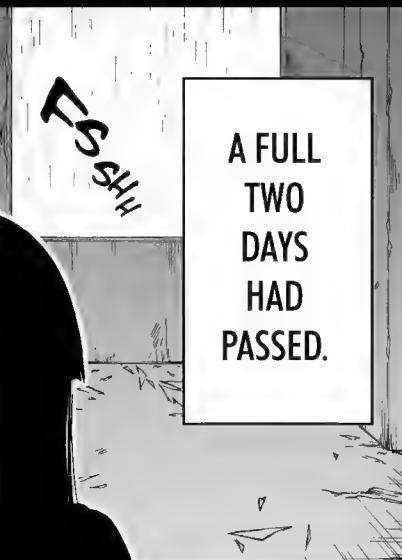


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**IF YOU DON'T LISTEN...
TO WHAT I SAY...**

RETURN OF THE LIVING DEAD 3





A FULL
TWO
DAYS
HAD
PASSED.



...I...
WAS
HERE
...



...TRIED
TO EAT...
FURUYA-
KUN...

HOW
...
COULD
I
HAVE...



WHAT...
ON
EARTH...
COULD
I HAVE
DONE
...?

BA-
BUMP

BA-
BUMP

BA-
BUMP.

IF I STAY AT
FURUYA-KUN'S
SIDE... THEN
EVENTUALLY...

IF I STAY
LIKE THIS,
I'LL...

...BECOME
JUST LIKE
HER...

BA-
BUMP

BA-
BUMP

BA-
BUMP

BA-
BUMP

BA-
BUMP

THEN
I'D...
I'D...

BA-
BUMP

IF THAT
WERE TO
HAPPEN...



I'D
BE A
LITTLE
HAPPY
...



GASP



FOR
FURUYA-
KUN
TO BE
INSIDE OF
MY BODY
OR SOME-
THING IS
ROMANTIC...
BUT IT'S
NOT
RIGHT
!!

WH...
WHA-
WHAT
AM I
SAY-
ING
...?!



Woosh

Woosh

NO,
NO
!!

Woosh





CHCH...

CHRR!

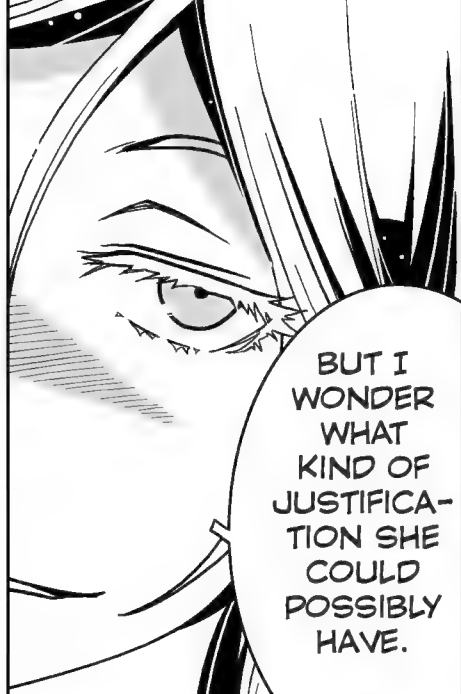
WHAT'S SHE DOING NOW, I WONDER?

FS SH



I SUPPOSE SHE WASN'T TAKING IN HYDRANGEA REGULARLY ENOUGH.

HM... EVEN SO, IT'S TAKEN LESS TIME FOR HER TO TURN CONFUSED EATER THAN I ORIGINALLY THOUGHT, HASN'T IT...?



BUT I
WONDER
WHAT
KIND OF
JUSTIFICA-
TION SHE
COULD
POSSIBLY
HAVE.



WELL...
BECAUSE
IT'S HER,
SHE
PROBABLY
HAS SOME
RIDICULOUS
REASON...

...FOR
RESTRICTING
HER
HYDRANGEA
INTAKE...



WHY,
YOU
LITTLE
...

YOU
PLANTED
A GPS
ON HER,
DIDN'T
YOU?



WHEN
I RE-
ATTACHED
HER
ARM.

WELL,
IT ISN'T
CAUSING
ANY
TROUBLE,
IS IT?

THAT'S
NOT
IT...



PRO-
FESSOR
BOYLE
?

CREAK

Kmph

WELL,
NO
ONE
ASKED
ME.

EVERY-
ONE'S
BEEN
GOING
CRAZY
LOOKING
FOR
SADA*...

WHY
DIDN'T
YOU
TELL
ANYONE
THAT
UNTIL
NOW
?!

*Sada = He means Rea.

THE ZOMBIE
RESEARCH
THAT YOU
WERE SO
PASSIONATE
ABOUT...

NO,
YOU'VE
CHANGED
TOO
MUCH,
PROFESSOR
BOYLE.

Oh,
Mero-char,
haven't seen
you in a while.
How are you
doing?

...YOU
HAVEN'T
CHANGED
AT ALL.

Here,
have
some
tea.

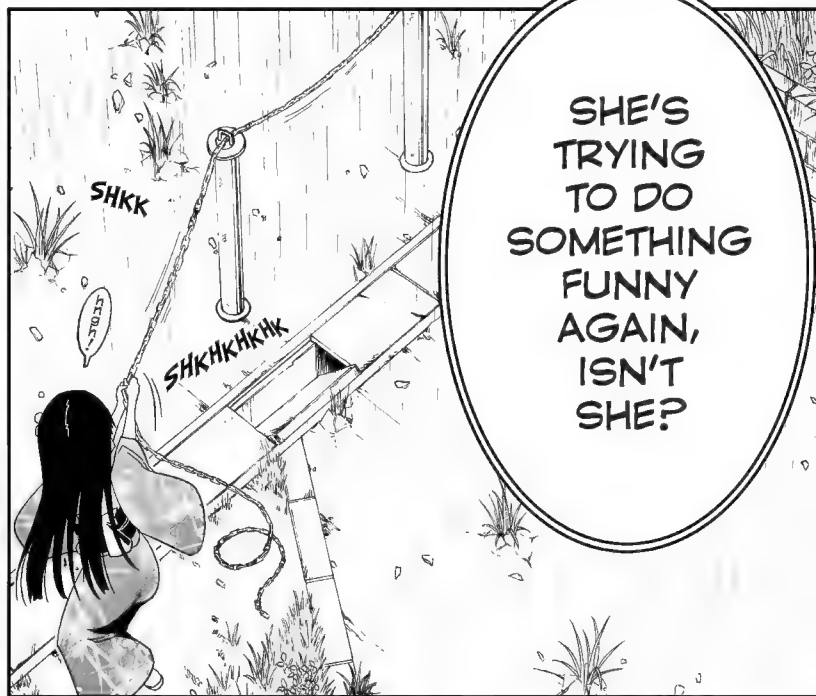
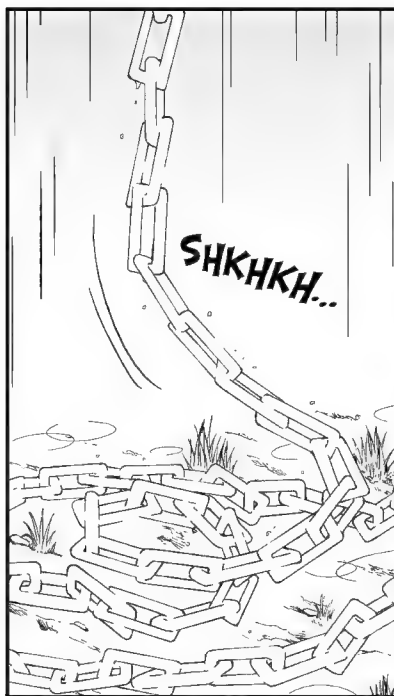
I'm
a little
interested
in that
too...

Wow,
is that
cosplay
?

...WHY
DID YOU
QUIT, I
WONDER...



ZOMA
COMICS ONLINE





G-GOT IT.





...BUT...

...WITH
ME LIKE
THIS...



HM...
YEAH,
THIS
IS
FINE.

...I
WON'T
BE
ABLE
TO
SUDDEN-
LY ATTACK
ANYONE.

EVEN
IF MY
CON-
SCIOUS-
NESS
SHOULD
DISAPPEAR
AGAIN...



FSSHH

...I'M NO LONGER A
"NORMAL GIRL,"
AM I...?



HMM
...

SSHH

WANKO-SAN
SAID TO LIVE
"WITHOUT
REGRETS,"
BUT...

...A PROPER
HUMAN GIRL
WOULD BE
BETTER...

EVEN
IF I'M
OUT IN
THE RAIN
AND WIND
LIKE THIS
FROM
NOW
ON...

SSHH

...
EVEN
IF I
JUST
ROT
AWAY
...

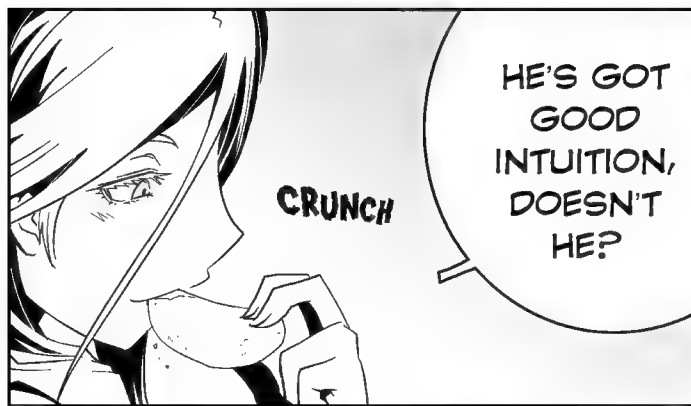
AFTER
ALL...
FOR
FURUYA-
KUN...

WELL....
IT'S FINE
NOW, I
GUESS
...

HHHH

TWITCH

Rea!
You're
here,
aren't
you?



"NEVER
FAIL TO
OBSERVE
THE
SPECI-
MEN."



YOU'RE
TASTE-
LESS.

OH DEAR,
RUNNING
AWAY TO
A PLACE
LIKE THAT...
I WONDER
IF SHE'S
THOUGHT
ABOUT
WHAT
MIGHT
HAPPEN
NEXT.



YOU'RE
THE ONE
WHO
TAUGHT
ME,
RIGHT,
PROFES-
SOR
?



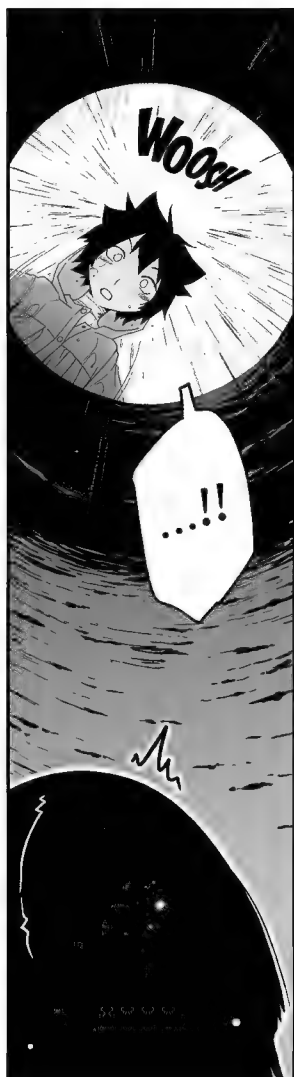
...BUT
WHEN SHE
FINDS
HERSELF
FACE TO FACE
WITH HER
FAVORITE DISH,
I WONDER IF
SHE'LL KEEP
IT UNDER
CONTROL...

IT
SEEMS
THAT HER
LOGIC
IS STILL
WINNING
OUT FOR
NOW...



I'M
VERY
INTERESTED
IN WHAT
SHE
MIGHT
DO...
HEH HEH
HEH HEH.

SHE'S
CLOSE
TO HER
PREY
TARGET,
AND
SHE'S
ENTERED
HER
TURBID
PERIOD.





...
NEVER
KNEW
YOU
LIKED
S&M.

TYING
YOUR-
SELF
UP...



WOSH!

Y...
YOU'RE
WRONG!!
TH... THIS IS
SO MY BODY
WON'T MOVE
BY ITSELF...



SO...
YOU'RE
INTO
THAT
?



WH...
WHAT
DO
YOU
GET
?

A
SECRET,
YOU
SAY
? HEE
HEE
...

FINE,
I
GET
IT.



IT'S...
IT'S
A
SECRET
!

THAT'S...
YOU DON'T
NEED TO
KNOW,
FURUYA-
KUN...

WHY
?

CRUNCH

CRUNCH

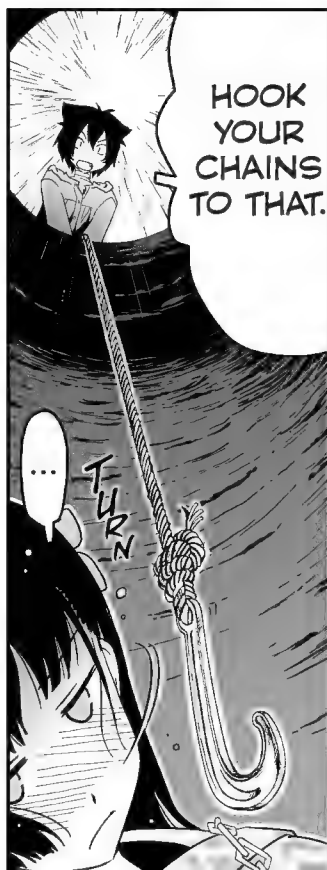


WAIT A SECOND, I'M GOING TO GO LOOK FOR SOMETHING TO PULL YOU UP.

OH ...

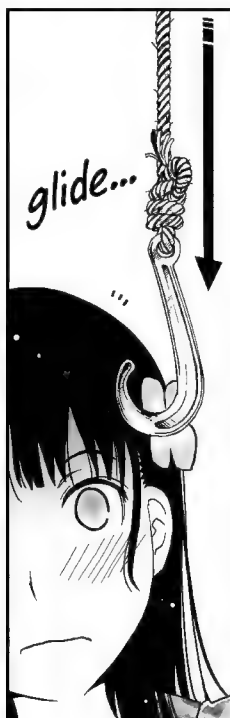


IT MEANS YOU'RE STILL WELL ENOUGH TO SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT.



HOOK YOUR CHAINS TO THAT.

TURN ...



glide...



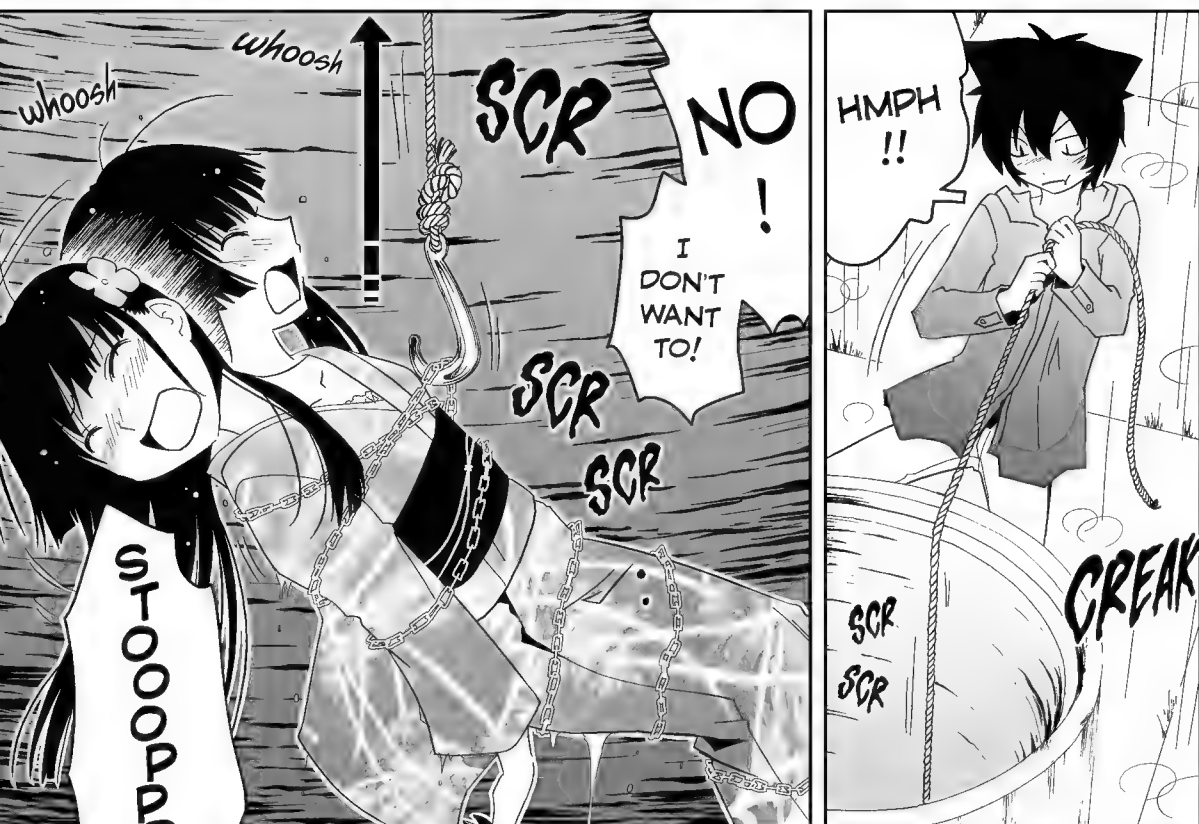
SPLASH

SPLASH

I... I SAID YOU CAN'T !

I MEAN, I STILL...

OH, COME ON !



FSSSH



IT'S
A BIT
DUSTY,
BUT WIPE
OFF WITH
THAT
SHEET.

MORE
IMPOR-
TANTLY,
AREN'T
YOU
GONNA
TAKE OFF
THOSE
CHAINS?



EESH, THE
WEATHER
HAS
GOTTEN
EVEN
WORSE...

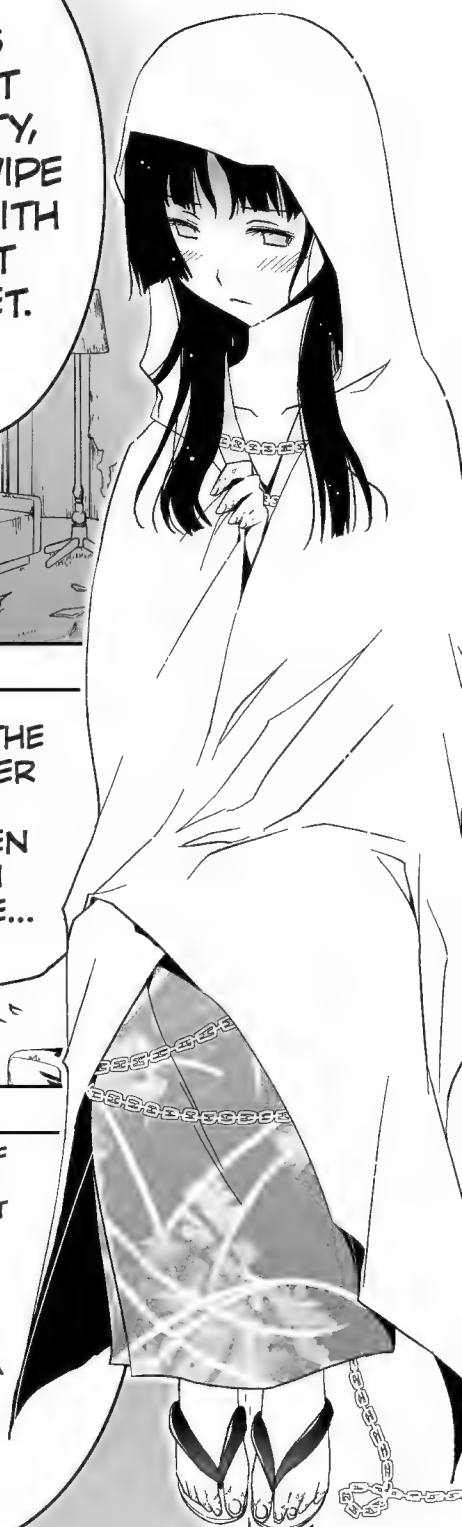


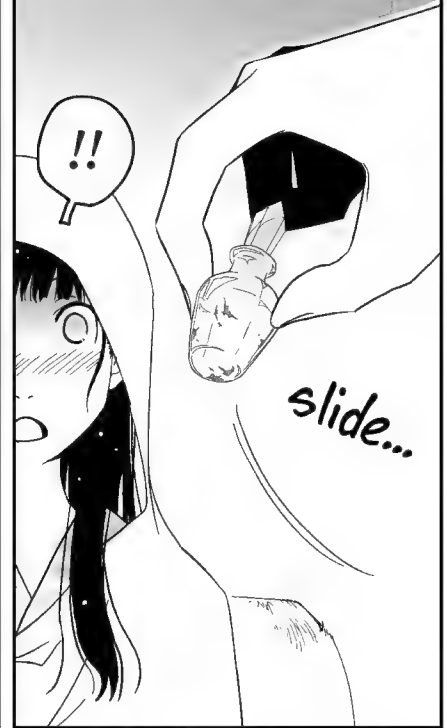
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I
SHOULD
PUT A
DEHU-
MIDIFIER
IN MY
ROOM
FROM
NOW ON,
HUH
...?

THIS TIME OF
YEAR, YOUR
BODY'LL GET
DAMAGED
EASILY,
SO YOU'VE
GOT TO
EAT YOUR
HYDRANGEA
SO THE
EFFECTS OF
THE ELIXIR
WON'T
WEAKEN.

RRMBBLL









...AND
I... WILL
START TO
THINK OF
YOU AS
FOOD,
FURUYA-
KUN
!!

FROM
NOW
ON...
I'LL BE
IN THAT
SITUA-
TION
MORE
AND
MORE...



WHY
ARE YOU
BEING SO
STUBBORN
ABOUT
THIS?

I
MEAN...
I BIT
YOU,
YOU
KNOW
?!



BEFORE
THAT
HAPPENS,
I
WANTED
TO GET
AWAY
FROM
YOU,
FURUYA-
KUN...

IS
THAT
TRUE
?



THE
OTHER
DAY, IT
ENDED
WITHOUT
MUCH
TROU-
BLE,
BUT...

...I'VE
BEEN
LOSING MY
REASON
MORE AND
MORE...
WHAT IF
I TOOK
ADVANTAGE
OF YOUR
GUARD BEING
DOWN WHILE
YOU WERE
SLEEPING
?

I
MIGHT
ACTU-
ALLY
EAT
YOU
!

LONBL



FOR A
ZOMBIE FAN
LIKE ME TO
LIVE THE
REST OF MY
LIFE JUST
BARELY
ESCAPING
BEING
EATEN.

BUT
ISN'T IT
MORE
THRILLING
THAT
WAY?



WHAT
ARE
YOU
SAYING
?!



BA-
BUMP

SEE...
CAN
YOU
HEAR
THIS
SOUND
...?

IT'S
MY
STO-
MACH

BA-
BUMP

BA-
Bump

IT
ISN'T
NEARLY
AS
SIMPLE
AS
THAT!!



IT
WAS
YOUR
STO-
MACH
?

MY
BODY
WANTS
YOU,
FURUYA-
KUN.

WOAH...
THAT
SOUND.

BA-
BUMP

...THE
MORE MY
STOMACH,
NOT MY
HEART,
FLUTTERS.

TH... THE
MORE
THAT I
LIKE YOU,
FURUYA-
KUN...

BA-
Bump

WUMBLE



CRASH

PLEASE
...
FORGET
ABOUT
ME AL-
READY
...

W...
WAIT.

I'M...

IT
WOULD
BE... IT
WOULD
BE...
BEST...
FOR YOU...
FURUYA-
KUN...

SNAP

SNAP

SNAP





FWOOOSH

HHHH



IF ...



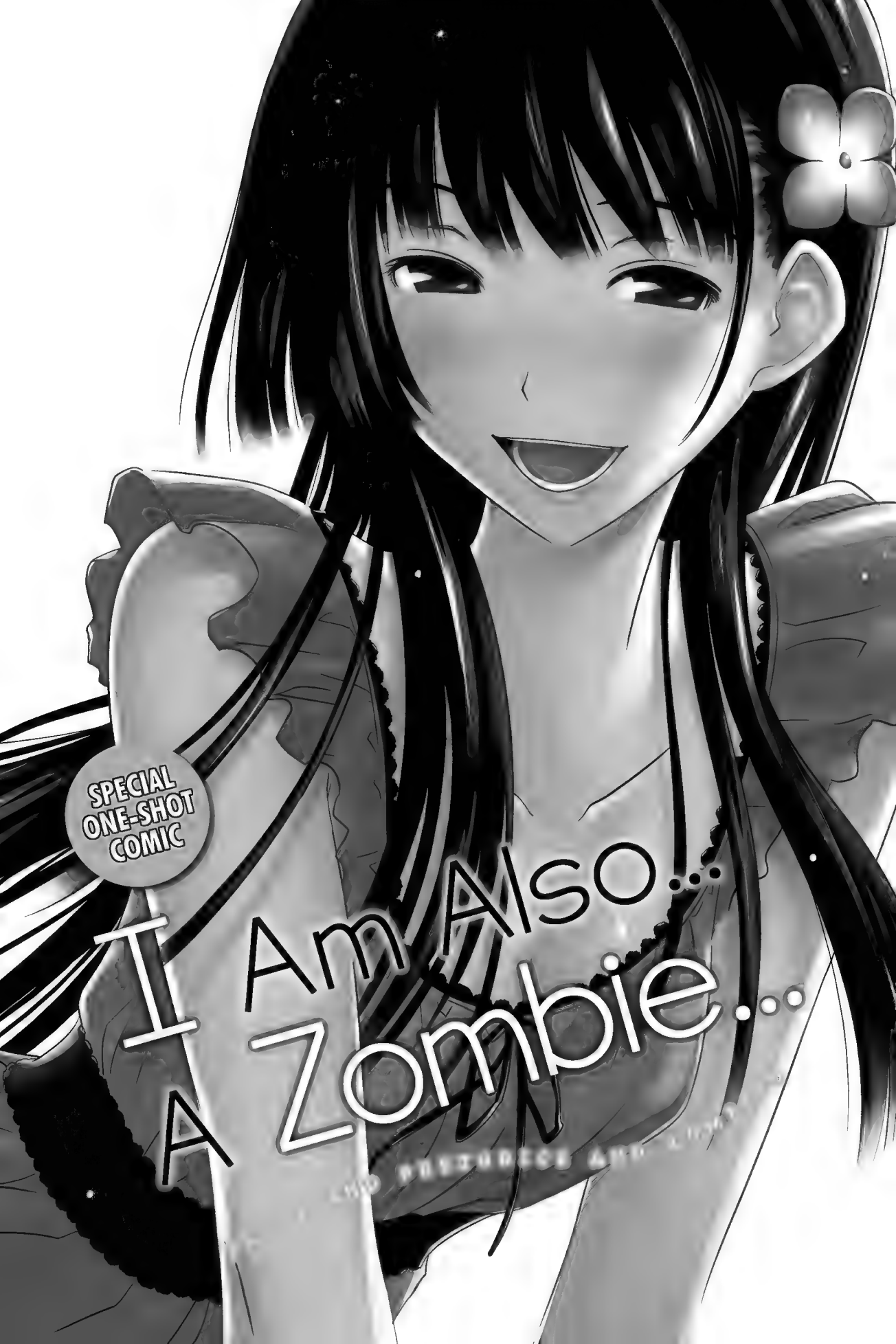
BLUSH

...YOU WON'T LISTEN ...

...MAYBE I SHOULD JUST... EAT YOU HERE...?

TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 5





SPECIAL
ONE-SHOT
COMIC

I Am Also... A Zombie...

AND PICTURE AND LIGHT



THESE
ZOM-
BIES
...

ZOM-
BIES
...

FRIGHTENING
MONSTERS
CREATED WHEN
SOMEONE WHO
HAS ALREADY
DIED ONCE
COMES BACK TO
LIFE THANKS TO
BLACK MAGIC
OR A SECRET
ELIXIR...

...REALLY
DO EXIST
IN ONE
SMALL
TOWN...

THEY
ARE SAID
TO ATTACK
PEOPLE, IN
PURSUIT OF
BLOOD AND
FLESH.

FSSHH

HM
?



mbullub

!Kmmmm

OH, IT'S
JUST YOU,
BUB-CHAN?
YOU
SURPRISED
ME.

...IN
JAPAN
!!

RIGHT NOW,
THE GIRL WHO
JUST SPOKE
TO ME IS
SANKA REA.
(AGE AT DEATH: 15)

A YOUNG
LADY ZOMBIE,
ORIGINALLY
FROM A
WELL-KNOWN
FAMILY...

HMM?
WHAT'S
WRONG
?

B
A
M





OH,
FURUYA-
KUN,
WELCOME
HOME!

GAH.



turn

A...
ARE YOU
TAKING A
SHOWER
AGAIN,
EVEN
THOUGH
YOU'RE A
ZOMBIE?

HUH,
BUT
...



TUG

BUB,
I'M
HOME!
I
BROUGHT
SOME
DRY
ICE TO
COOL
YOU
OFF.

HE ALWAYS
LIKED ZOMBIE
GAMES AND
MOVIES TO
BEGIN WITH,
BUT HE TOOK
IT ONE STEP
FURTHER IN
MAKING THE
ZOMBIE ELIXIR.

**FURUYA
CHIRO**
(15 YEARS
OLD)



RIGHT
?

I
don't
care
whether
I take
one or
not,
though.

...IT
WOULD
BE
UNSANI-
TARY
NOT TO
TAKE A
SHOWER,
EVEN
FOR A
ZOMBIE.







FSSHH

SEE, MY
OPINION
ABOUT
NOT
GOING
FOR A
WALK
AFTER
ALL
WAS...

AHH,
IT'S
STARTED
RAINING.

rrrbbh...



...
**WEATHER
FOR A
WALK!**

IT'S
THE
PER-
FECT
...

THAT'S
BACK-
WARDS,
IT'S
BACK-
WARDS
!!

BECAUSE
OF THE
NICE
RAIN-
CLOUDS,
THE SUN
IS ALSO
HIDDEN
AND THE
TEMPERA-
TURE'S
DROPPING.

ON
TOP
OF THAT
...

ROOMM

Whis



I
WON'T
BE A
NORMAL
GIRL,
AFTER
ALL...

IF I
CAN'T
EVEN
GO
FOR A
WALK
...



THAT'S
NOT
IT!!

You really are  unguarded,
aren't you
...?

...I
WON'T
CATCH A
COLD
OR ANY-
THING...

HUH...
BUT BE-
CAUSE I'M
A ZOMBIE,
EVEN IF I
ONLY
WEAR A
T-SHIRT...

ALSO,
YOU'VE
GOT TO
CHANGE
PROPERLY
BEFORE
GOING
OUTSIDE!!

OH, COME
ON...
FINE,
I GET IT.
BUT JUST
TO THE
LOCAL
PARK!!



"A LIFE AS
A NORMAL
GIRL."

JUST
BECAUSE SHE
WAS BORN A
YOUNG LADY
IN A FAMOUS
FAMILY...

UNTIL NOW,
SHE'D BEEN
FORCED TO LIVE
A LIFE WHERE
EVEN SOMETHING
AS NORMAL AS
THIS WASN'T
ALLOWED.

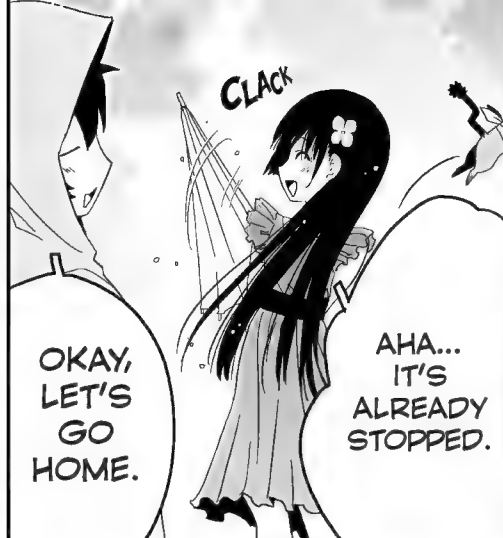
WHEN SHE
WAS ALIVE,
SHE WASN'T
ALLOWED TO
TOUCH EVEN
ONE BUG.
IN THE NAME
OF MANNERS,
SHE WAS
BROUGHT UP
IN A STERILE
ENVIRONMENT.

NOW
I'M
EVEN
FREE TO
TOUCH
SNAILS!

I
SEE
...

...WAS
HER FIRST
CHANCE TO
REALLY
LIVE...

HOW
IRONIC.
DYING AND
BECOMING
A ZOMBIE...



IT'S OKAY!
I DON'T
FEEL ANY
PAIN
BECAUSE
I'M A
ZOMBIE.
I'M JUST
FINE.

LIKE I
SAID,
THAT'S
NOT
IT...

SPECIFI-
CALLY
BECAUSE
YOU ARE
A ZOMBIE,
IF YOUR
BODY GETS
WOUNDED
EVEN
ONCE...

...I
KNOW.



WOW, SO
PRETTY!!
YOU CAN
SEE THE
WHOLE
TOWN.

HEY HEY,
DON'T
MESS
AROUND
AND
FALL!



RUB...

THE
WOUND
I GOT
ON MY
STOMACH
WHEN I
DIED...

...IS
SEWN
UP,
BUT IT
WILL
NEVER
CLOSE...

FROM
HERE
ON,
FOREVER

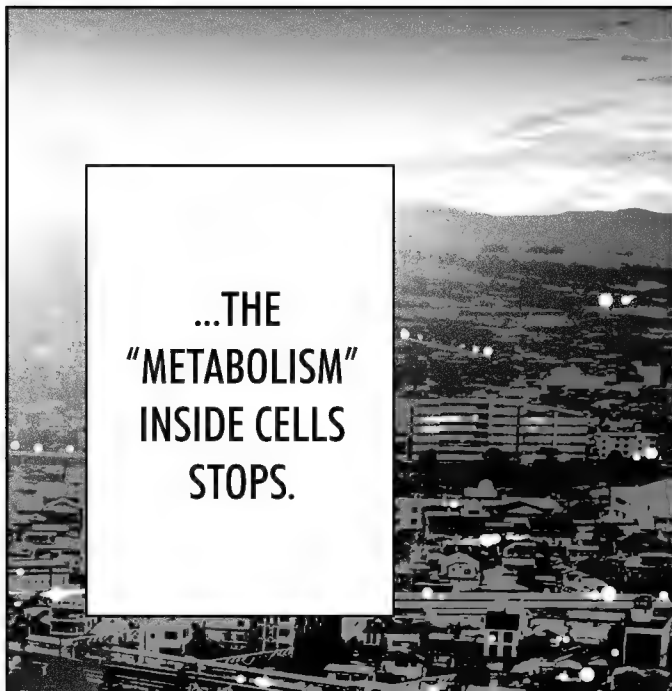
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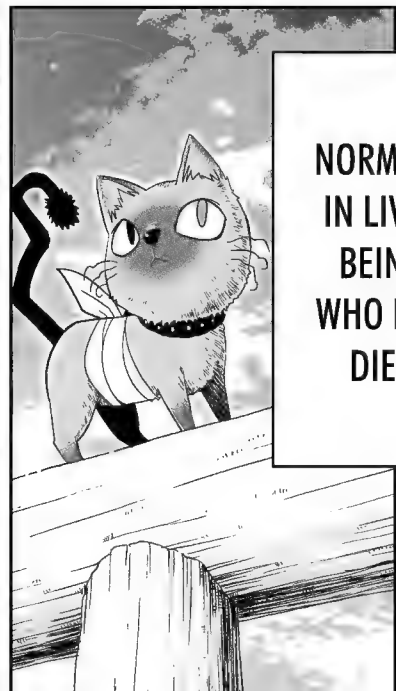
I
CAN'T
HEAL IF
I GET
HURT...



...



...THE
"METABOLISM"
INSIDE CELLS
STOPS.



NORMALLY,
IN LIVING
BEINGS
WHO HAVE
DIED...



LIVING
CREATURES
CONTINUALLY
MAKE NEW CELLS,
AND THE CELLS
THAT GET OLD ARE
DISCHARGED,
WHICH IS
HOW LIFE IS
MAINTAINED.



BUT ALTHOUGH
ZOMBIE BODIES
ARE MAINTAINED
TO A POINT BY THE
EFFECTS OF THE
"REANIMATION
ELIXIR"...

...THE ACTION
OF CREATING
NEW CELLS
DOESN'T
OCCUR.



SSSSHHH...

...TO
SAY...

THAT
IS...





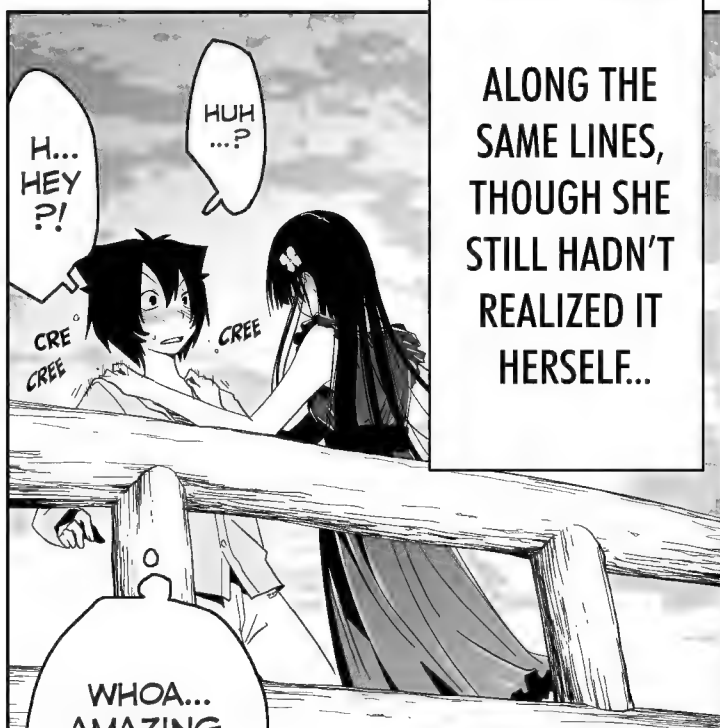
...CONTINUE
TO
DECAY.

...
CERTAIN-
LY...

...WE
WILL
LITTLE
BY
LITTLE...

...EVEN
THOUGH
WE
DON'T
FEEL...
PAIN...

...THAT AS
LONG AS
WE HAVE
CONSCIOUS-
NESS...



ALONG THE
SAME LINES,
THOUGH SHE
STILL HADN'T
REALIZED IT
HERSELF...

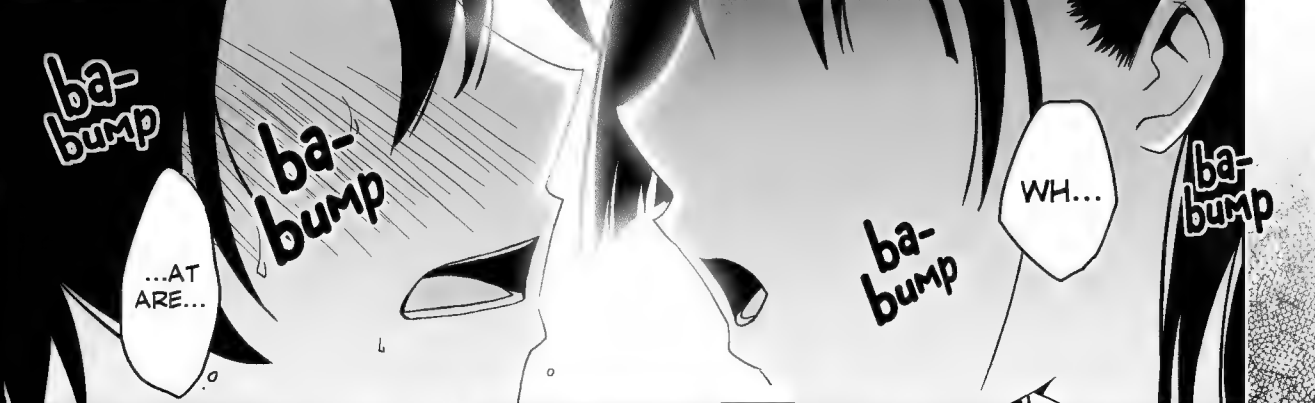


...INCREAS-
INGLY... AS
A ZOMBIE...



Ah...

...AND
THEN.



GASP



WAS SHE TRYING TO *KISS* ME...? UH... WHA... ?!

... JUST NOW ...

BOW BOW

I'm sorry! I'm sorry!

WELL WELL.

FLUSTER

WHAT ... WAS I TRYING TO DO ...?!

W... WAH! I'M SORRY!

I'VE WITNESSED THE FUTURE OF THE ZOMBIE GIRL "SANKA REA"!

Namu Amida Buddha...

n
b
u
n
b

THE STORY OF THESE TWO AFTER THIS SEEMS TO HAVE MANY DIFFICULTIES, BUT...

I TOO SHALL ENJOY MY REMAINING DAYS, UNTIL THIS BODY ROTS.



MERO'S ZEN RIDDLES

DUN DUNAA

END-OF-
VOLUME
BONUS
COMIC

WELL
THEN,
LET'S
GET
STARTED
RIGHT
AWAY.

...RECEIVED
EVEN MORE MAIL
SUBMISSIONS
AFTER VOLUME
3 WENT ON
SALE, INCREDIBLY
RECEIVING ALMOST
250 LETTERS.
**THANK YOU,
THANK YOU.**

THIS
CORNER,
WHICH
STARTED
IN THE
PREVIOUS
VOLUME...

A: ACCORDING
TO MY BROTHER,
THE "OHJI" IN
"SAOHJI" CAN
ALSO BE READ
AS "WANKO,"
APPARENTLY.



I completely
thought it was
because she was
so familiar with
everyone, just
like a dog...

Q: Where did Ranko-chan's
nickname "Wanko" come from?

(*Many instances of the same question)

HRM.
I FEEL
AS
THOUGH
I
UNDER-
STAND,
YET
DON'T.



Pareo:
The folk outfit
of Tahiti.
There are all
different
ways of
wearing
(wrapping)
it.

YOU
MEAN
THE
PAREO
?

LET'S
ASK
DARIN-
DONO.

Q: Are the flower she wears
on her head and the Hawaiian
style (?) clothing she puts on
18 and Grandpa part of
Kurumiya Darin Arciento's
tastes?

WELL
THEN,
NEXT
...





A: "SINCE IT'S JUST ONE LAYER OF CLOTH IT DOESN'T GET SWEATY AND IT'S EASY TO PUT ON OR TAKE OFF, SO I'VE BEEN WEARING THEM SINCE I WAS AT THE RESEARCH FACILITY ON THE ISLAND. THE PROFESSOR AND 18? OF COURSE I FORCE THEM TO.

"I WANT TO MAKE PEOPLE CLOSE TO ME WEAR THEM," IS APPARENTLY WHY. SHE'S A WOMAN OF MANY MYSTERIES, BUT SHE ALSO SEEMS TO HAVE A UNIQUE SENSIBILITY.

IT'S TRUE THAT THERE ARE SCENES WHERE THEY SMELL THINGS FROM TIME TO TIME.

THEIR SENSE OF PAIN AND SUCH HAS DISAPPEARED... BUT I WONDER ?

Q: Do Rea-tan and Bub (zombies) have taste buds? In Volume 2 page 34 she was smelling Ranko-san...

WELL THEN, THE NEXT SLIP ...



Q: Do you have a Twitter account?
Definitely let me follow you, please!

A: I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN NEVER THINK OF ANY LITTLE THINGS IN PARTICULAR TO WHISPER ON TWITTER SO I DON'T DO IT. PLEASE UNDERSTAND.



BUT IT SEEMS ONLY "THINGS THAT YOUR BODY WANTS" LIKE HYDRANGEA CAN BE TOLD APART JUST BY SMELL, FOR SOME REASON.

ACCORDING TO WHEN I ASKED REA-DONO...
A: TASTE AND SMELL ARE MUCH LIKE WHEN YOU CATCH A COLD, AND YOU CAN'T REALLY TELL THEM APART.

IN SHORT, THE FACT SHE WAS SNIFFING WANKO-DONO MEANT... NO... I SHOULDN'T SAY ANYTHING MORE THAN THIS.



Q: 為何萌路的出場機會那麼少?
(招拜託讓他多出場吧 Orz
(跪求 拜託了

COULD IT BE THAT WE ARE GETTING MAIL FROM OUTSIDE JAPAN ?!

UM ?



Q: I just changed my address.
Please update it.

...
HRM.
OOO-KAY.



WE'VE ALREADY GOTTEN SOME FAN MAIL ADDRESSED TO ZEN RIDDLES. XIEXIE.

Taiwan Version Cover



YES.
IN FACT, IT SEEMS THE TAIWANESE VERSION OF "SANKAREA," TITLED "殭屍哪有那麼萌?" WENT ON SALE IN MAY OF THIS YEAR*.

In fact, if you translate the title, it seems that it means, "There's No Way Zombies Could Be This Cute".

**The Hong Kong Version is already on sale with this cover.*

A: IF
"SANKAREA"
SHOULD CONTINUE
TO RUN FOR A
LONG TIME,
THEN NATURALLY
STORIES ABOUT
ME SHOULD
INCREASE AS WELL.

WELL,
PERSONALLY
I PREFER
NOT REALLY
STANDING
OUT, AS
IT'S MORE
CONVENIENT.

Q: Why are Mero's opportunities
for appearance so few? In short,
I am requesting you please appear
more orz (I am kneeling and
asking, please.)

FOR
THE TIME
BEING,
I'LL
CHANGE
IT INTO
JAPANESE
USING AN
INTERNET
TRANSLA-
TION SITE.

I SEE,
YOU'RE
ASKING
ME TO
HAVE MORE
CHANCES
TO APPEAR,
AREN'T
YOU?

I understand
the general
meaning.

CLACK

CLACK



Mero-san,
I can't be satisfied just
with your nurse outfit.
I please ask you to
definitely show us a
bunny or maid.

NOW
THEN,
THE FINAL
LETTER
THIS TIME
AROUND
...



COME ON,
ALL OF
YOU...
THIS IS
THE LAST
TIME...!!



"Mero's Zen Riddles" e-mail address:

(Put something like "Zen Riddles" or "Questions for Mero" in the subject line.)



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*Questions we couldn't answer this time may be picked up in the next volume or after, as well.

TRANSLATION NOTES

Honorifics: This series retains the Japanese honorifics. Here's a guide:

- san: Polite, equivalent to "Mr." or "Ms."
- sama: A term of great respect.
- kun: Used for boys or people in a lower position.
- chan: A sometimes cutesy term of endearment for girls.
- dono: A very respectful and now old-fashioned term.
- sempai: Refers to a student who entered school before you, or a colleague who entered the company before you. (The equivalent for your juniors is "kohai.")

p. 3, Heart Sutra: Sutras are Buddhist sermons or prayers. The Heart Sutra is probably the best known and most popular of all the Buddhist Sutras. Though they were originally written in Sanskrit, the version known in Japan has been transcribed into Chinese characters.

p. 6, Castella: A sponge-like sweet cake of Portuguese origin that is popular in Japan, not only as a snack food at festivals like this one, but also at bakeries and as gifts.

p. 18, Yakisoba: Stir-fried noodles, very similar to Chinese lo mein, which is popular as a festival snack food or take-out type food. It generally contains cabbage, pork, onions and pickled ginger, and may be topped with roasted seaweed, dried bonito shavings, and mayonnaise.

p. 8, Yukata: A yukata is a very light cotton kimono, worn by both sexes but more commonly by girls than boys, and synonymous with the summer months and in particular, summer festivals in Japan. Made in a variety of colors and patterns, both traditional and non-traditional.

p. 9, Goldfish Scooping: A popular game at Japanese summer festivals, where players try to see how many goldfish they can scoop out of a tank and into a small bowl using a thin paper wand. The paper breaks easily, making for a challenging game. The winner often gets to take a goldfish home with them.

p. 16, Sake: The most famous alcoholic beverage in Japan, it is often referred to as "rice wine" in English. There are many varieties and they range from cloudy to clear, from dry to sweet. As the name suggests, sweet sake is a very sweet drink with a relatively low alcohol content.

p. 18, Ryotei: A traditional and usually very formal Japanese restaurant. Ranko is trying to say that her parents are relatively strict and traditional due to the nature of their business.

p. 38, ume-ame: Japanese refer to the rainy season in early summer as tsuyu, which is written as the characters for "plum" and "rain". Since Kurumiya doesn't know much about Japanese cultural customs, she's reading these characters incorrectly, as "ume-ame" instead.

p. 41, Takoyaki: Another popular Japanese festival and street food. These are very hot, small, round balls made of wheat flour cooked with a piece of octopus in the very center, along with other items like chopped pickled ginger. Usually these are served in a box or take-out container with sauce, mayonnaise, roasted seaweed, shaved bonito flakes, and sometimes green onion on top.

p. 69, Sekihan: A dish made of sweet red beans and sticky rice, this dish is traditionally served at celebratory occasions.

p. 129, cosplay: The Japanese hobby of dressing up in elaborate costumes, usually from some sort of manga, anime or video game.

p. 150, "I'm Also a Zombie": The title of this chapter, featuring Bub, is a play on the famous book by Japanese author Natsume Soseki, entitled "I Am a Cat."

p. 156, Umami: A word for a particular type of taste often referred to as "savory" or "meaty."

p. 168, Namu Amida Butsu: A prayer involving saying the name of the Buddha, commonly used in Pure Land Buddhism. It is often shortened to just the first word in Japanese.

Sky Zombie



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